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PREFACE

The Convention Actions, that is, those voted by both the Mission and the Nenkwai, are marked with a "J" followed by a number. This indicates the number as it will appear in the Japanese Minutes. Actions not so marked are to be considered actions of the Mission only.

To facilitate reference of the Convention and Mission Actions to the Program and Resume of Business, the business sessions have been numbered and the actions have been grouped as nearly as possible in chronological order under these headings.

Actions of the Convention taken after the reorganization will be found in the special minutes of the reorganization meeting.

Although some of the committees of the Japan Lutheran Church were appointed by the Executive Board after the Convention had adjourned, they are included here for convenience of reference.

The Constitution and Special Agreement of the Japan Lutheran Church and the Mission Constitution are reprinted from the Minutes of the U.L.C.A. Convention, Milwaukee, October, 1930. The By-Laws and Standing Rules are printed from typewritten copies as supplied the Secretary by the Constitution Revision Committee and as circulated among the members of the Mission in April, 1930.

Program and Resume of Business

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN JAPAN

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Tuesday, April 14th.

11:30-12:00 a.m. **Joint Opening Service.**

Officiating Minister: Rev. C. W. Hepner, President of the Mission.

The program consisted of the following:

Hymn 160, followed by reading of Ephesians, Chapter 4.

Address and prayer by the leader, Rev. C. W. Hepner.

Declaration of the formal opening of the Convention.

Hymn 129, followed by prayers by Rev. T. Yonemura and Rev. K. Takimoto.

Doxology, and Benediction.

2:00-3:00 p.m. **Organization Meeting.**

Meeting called to order by the President, Rev. C. W. Hepner, and opened with a hymn, Scripture reading, and prayer.

Roll Call:—All members on the field responded to roll call, as follows: J. M. T. Winther, A. J. Stirewalt, L. S. G. Miller, E. T. Horn, C. W. Hepner, Miss Martha Akard, John K. Linn, S. O. Thorlaksson, C. E. Norman, Miss Annie Powlas, G. W. Schillinger, A. C. Knudten, Miss Marion Potts, Miss Helen Shirk, J. Arthur Linn, Miss Grace Beers, Miss Martha Harder, Miss Helene Harder, Miss Mary Heltibridle, Miss Maya Winther. Those absent on furlough were D. G. M. Bach, Miss Maud Powlas, F. W. Heins, and Miss Faith Lippard.

Voted to approve the Convention Program as submitted.

Voted to approve the agenda proposed for the transaction of business within the Mission Chamber.

The President appointed the following Convention Committees:

1. Joint Business Committee: E. T. Horn, J. A. Linn.
2. Committee on Educational Reports: A. C. Knudten,

Chairman, Annie Powlas, Helen Shirk, Mary Heltibridle.

3. Committee on President's Report and New Business: C. E. Norman, Chairman, Martha Akard, G. W. Schillinger, Maya Winther.
4. Committee on Station and Eleemosynary Reports: J. M. T. Winther, Chairman, Martha Harder, S. O. Thorlaksson.
5. Committee on Nominations: Marion Potts, Chairman, Helene Harder, L. S. G. Miller.
6. Convention Assistant to the Secretary: Grace Beers.

On motion it was voted to send appropriate greetings to the Japanese Chamber (See Convention and Mission Actions, No. 1).

The Secretary read letters from former missionary, Rev. L. G. Gray, with reference to his desire to return to Japan (See subsequent Mission Action).

A request from a Mr. Tsuda, of Tokyo, with reference to getting the Mission's backing of an undertaking of his to raise money in America, was presented, and the New Business Committee was asked to meet him (See subsequent Mission Action).

Announcements as to local arrangements, etc.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

3:00-6:00 p.m. **Joint Ministerium Meeting.**

(See Minutes in separate section).

7:30-10:00 p.m. **Convention Service.**

Officiating Minister: Rev. K. Hirai.

Convention Preacher: Rev. I. Miura, President of Japanese Chamber.

Ordination Service: Dr. E. T. Horn, President of Joint Ministerium.

Communion Service: Rev. T. Yonemura.

Distribution: Revs. S. O. Thorlaksson and C. Kishi.

At this service the following men were ordained in accordance with the action of the Joint Ministerium (at meeting of same date): Evangelists Shinichi Kawagiri, Kanzo Matsuoka, and Rokuro Yamauchi.

Wednesday, April 15th.

8:30-12:00 a.m. **First Business Session.**

Devotional Service: L. S. G. Miller.

The Business Committee reported that the Japanese Chamber had reciprocated the greetings extended them by the Mission.

The Secretary read the following cablegram: "Board sends greetings best wishes Japan Lutheran Church, Koller, Drach." This was then passed on to the Japanese Chamber.

Reading of Ad Interim Reports of the Joint Executive and Mission Executive Committees. By common consent the full reading of the reports was dispensed with, in view of the fact that most of the actions had previously been reported to the members of the Mission by mail. So only the item headings were read, except in case of the actions not previously reported, and in case of some that needed explanation. Both reports were approved as a whole.

The President, C. W. Hepner, then read his Report, which was received and referred to the proper committee.

On motion it was voted that the Mission proceed at once to the election of one person as editor of the Institution and Station reports, these reports when edited to be submitted to the Mission Executive Committee for approval prior to their being sent to the Foreign Mission Board for publication. (Note: this matter was taken up at this time in order that the editor might have the benefit of any discussion that might take place on the floor of the Mission).

E. T. Horn was elected as editor of the reports.

The following reports were then presented, but, in view of the fact that they had been circulated before the meeting, the presentation was limited to the pointing out of special features of the reports. After being presented, the reports were referred to the proper Convention Committee. (This applies also to reports given at later sessions):

Theological Seminary: E. T. Horn.

Kyushu Gakuin: L. S. G. Miller. Supplement by G. W. Schillinger.

Kyushu Jogakuin: Miss Marion Potts. Supplement by Miss Martha Harder, and oral additions by Miss Martha Akard.

Adjourned with prayer by Miss Akard.

2:00-5:30 p.m. **Second Business Session.**

Devotional Service: Miss Martha Akard.

Continuation of Institution and Station Reports:

Ji-Ai-En: Miss Grace Beers. Supplement by Miss Mary Heltibridle.

Tokyo Social Service: A. J. Stirewalt. Special Report by Miss Annie Powlas.

Kumamoto Field—G. W. Schillinger.

Kurume Field—J. M. T. Winther.

Saga Field—J. M. T. Winther, Miss Helene Harder, and Miss Maya Winther.

Fukuoka Field—C. E. Norman, Miss Helen Shirk.

North Kyushu Field—J. Arthur Linn.
Kobe Field—S. O. Thorlaksson.
Osaka-Kyoto Field—C. W. Hepner.
Nagoya Field—A. C. Knudten.
Tokyo Field—A. J. Stirewalt.

On motion it was voted to include in the Minutes, in addition to the Institution Reports, a condensation of the Station Reports to be prepared by the editor of reports, E. T. Horn.

The following Standing Committee reports were read and referred to the New Business Committee:

Joint Evangelistic Committee—A. C. Knudten.
Joint Literature Committee—E. T. Horn.
Joint Sunday School Committee—S. O. Thorlaksson.
Church Paper Editorial Committee—J. M. T. Winther.
Joint Committee on Higher Education—E. T. Horn.
Joint Committee on Evangelistic Library—G. W. Schillinger.
Joint Committee on Pension Rules—No report.
Joint Committee on Lutheran World Convention—C. W. Hepner.
Statisticians—A. C. Knudten.
Joint Committee on Comprehensive Survey—J. M. T. Winther (oral report).

The reading of reports was interrupted at this point to take up the special order of Election of Officers, which resulted as follows:

President—C. W. Hepner.
Vice President—E. T. Horn.
Secretary—John K. Linn.
Treasurer—J. Arthur Linn.
Executive Committee Member—Miss Helen Shirk.

Continuation of Reports:

Tokyo Social Service Committee—A. J. Stirewalt.
Women's Work Committee—Miss Helen Shirk.
Ji-Ai-En Committee—No separate report.
Newspaper Evangelism Committee—G. W. Schillinger.
Building Committee—S. O. Thorlaksson.
Furniture Committee—G. W. Schillinger.
Publicity Committee—J. Arthur Linn.
Special Gifts Correspondent—J. Arthur Linn.
Finance Committee—No report other than Budgets previously presented.
Auditors—J. M. T. Winther.

The Business Committee reported several actions taken by the Japanese Chamber on recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee. (Note: As these items appear in final

form in the Convention Actions, they are not enumerated here).

Adjourned with prayer by A. C. Knudten.

6:30-9:30 p.m. Reception at Tokyo Church.

Thursday, April 16th.

8:30-12:00 a.m. **Third Business Session.**

Devotional Service—C. E. Norman.

Rev. H. Inadomi was given the privilege of the floor, and spoke briefly representing Dr. S. Toyama, Principal of Kyushu Gakuin.

Reports of Delegates and Representatives:

Federation of Christian Missions—J. M. T. Winther rendered a verbal report.

National Christian Council—A. J. Stirewalt rendered a verbal report.

Advisory Board Canadian Academy—Mrs. Thorlaksson (verbal report).

Canadian Academy Property Committee—S. O. Thorlaksson.

American School Board—E. T. Horn.

National S. S. Association Advisory Committee—Included in Joint S. S. Committee Report.

1930 Special Delegation to America—John K. Linn.

Reports of Boards and Trustees:

Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan (Board of Trustees for Kyushu Gakuin and Theological Seminary)—J. M. T. Winther and L. S. G. Miller (verbal reports).

Kyushu Jogakuin Board (Board of Directors for Janice James Girls' School)—Miss Martha Akard (verbal report).

Mission Shadan (Board of Trustees for holding Mission Property)—A. J. Stirewalt. This report was referred to the incoming Mission Executive Committee for further study.

Report of Committee on Educational Reports.

Actions taken on the basis of this report are included in the section on Convention and Mission Actions.

Report of Committee on President's Report and New Business (See Convention and Mission Actions).

Adjourned with prayer by L. S. G. Miller.

2:00-4:30 p.m. **Fourth Business Session.**

Devotional Service—Miss Annie Powlas.

Report of Business Committee.

The Mission at this time took action on matters previously approved by the Japanese Chamber, mostly on recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee. These items will be found in final form in the section on Convention and Mission Actions.

Adjourned with prayer by Miss Marion Potts.

4:30-5:30 p.m. Assembly of Sunday School Pupils.

7:30-11:00 p.m. **Fifth Business Session.**

Opening prayer by Miss Martha Harder.

Report of Business Committee.

Mission action on items brought in by the Business Committee (See Convention and Mission Actions).

Report of Committee on Station and Eleemosynary Reports (For actions taken on the basis of this report see Convention and Mission Actions).

Additional Report of Business Committee.

Voted to meet in special Mission session at 2:00 p.m. on April 17th.

Adjourned with prayer.

Friday, April 17th.

8:30-12:00 a.m. **Reorganization Session.**

For transactions of this meeting see special minutes.

Final adjournment of Convention.

2:30-5:30 p.m. **First Special Mission Session.**

Devotional Service—S. O. Thorlaksson.

The Business Committee reported that all transactions between the Mission and the Japanese Chamber had been completed prior to the close of the Convention proper.

Additional report of the Committee on Educational Reports.

Additional report of the Committee on New Business.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

It was voted to instruct the Secretary to cast the ballot for the entire slate of nominations as read. This was done, and the result will be found in the section on Officers and Committees.

S. O. Thorlaksson made a brief report on the administration of funds entrusted to him for the late Mr. Shiina.

The Secretary read a letter of greeting from the Secretary of the National Christian Council. This was received as information, and the Secretary was instructed to make an appropriate reply.

Adjourned with prayer at 5:30 p.m. to meet again at 7:30 p.m.

7:30-10:30 p.m. **Second Special Mission Session.**

Meeting opened with prayer.

Additional report of Committee on New Business.

Additional report of Committee on Station and Eleemosynary Reports.

Voted to go into a committee of the whole for consideration of matters pertaining to the Tokyo Social Service Work, Chairman:—L. S. G. Miller.

The Mission re-convened at 9:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous actions taken on the basis of left-over recommendations of various Committees and of motions from the floor.

Closing devotional service conducted by the President, C. W. Hepner.

Final adjournment of Mission.

Joint Ministerium Minutes

Tokyo, Tuesday, April 14, 1931, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
(Tokyo Lutheran Church)

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. E. T. Horn.

The opening devotional services consisted of the singing of Hymn 258, followed by the reading of John 20:19 ff. and prayer by the President.

Roll Call: Twenty-nine members (18 Japanese and 11 missionaries) responded to roll call. Six members in Japan, Revs. Chiga, Wasa, Washiyama, Sato, Kosaka, and Okuma, and three members in America, Revs. Bach, Heins, and Iwanaga, were absent. The roll is as follows:

(Note: Names are given in the order of ministerial connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan. (a)=Absent, (x)=Out of the country).

	Rev. J. M. T. Winther	1898
	Rev. T. Yonemura	1901
	Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	1905
	Rev. L. S. G. Miller, D.D.	1907
	Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D.	1911
	Rev. K. Takimoto	1912
	Rev. C. W. Hepner	1912
	Rev. John K. Linn	1915
	Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson	1916
(x)	Rev. D. G. M. Bach	1916
	Rev. H. Aoyama	1917
	Rev. C. E. Norman	1917
(a)	Rev. T. Chiga	1918
(a)	Rev. T. Wasa	1918
	Rev. I. Miura	1918
	Rev. D. Honda	1918
	Rev. G. W. Schillinger	1920
	Rev. A. C. Knudten	1920
	Rev. S. Takashima	1920
	Rev. R. Ishimatsu	1921
(a)	Rev. N. Washiyama	1921
	Rev. T. Kawase	1921
	Rev. J. Arthur Linn	1922
	Rev. H. Inadomi	1922
	Rev. A. Muto	1922
	Rev. K. Watanabe	1922

(x)	Rev. F. W. Heins	1924
(a)	Rev. S. Sato	1924
(a)	Rev. K. Kosaka	1925
(a)	Rev. S. Okuma	1925
	Rev. T. Tsuboike	1925
(x)	Rev. N. Iwanaga	1927
	Rev. Y. Yoshida	1928
	Rev. H. Ouchi	1928
	Rev. K. Hirai	1929
	Rev. C. Kishi	1929
	Rev. S. Tominaga	1929
	Rev. T. Fukuyama	1930

Ad Interim Report. The President made a brief report on ad interim business, stating (1) that he had received, and under date of January 6, 1931, had forwarded to the Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee the applications for ordination of Messrs. Shinichi Kawagiri, Kanzo Matsuoka, and Rokuro Yamauchi, each duly recommended by two ordained men, and that these candidates had subsequently been recommended to the Examining Committee for examination; (2) that he had received, and under date of February 13, 1931, had forwarded to the Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee the formal application of the Rev. Ressen Saito for reception into the Japan Lutheran Church, this application also being duly seconded by two ordained men.

The President also made reference to the recent death of a former member of this Ministerium, Rev. K. Shiina, and suggested that a brief memorial service be held before the close of this session.

Examining Committee's Report. The report of the Examining Committee was presented by the Chairman, Rev. H. Inadomi, and, after extended discussion, was received.

Yamauchi Special Case. With reference to the application of Evangelist Rokuro Yamauchi for ordination, it was voted: That, notwithstanding the incompleteness of his qualification as to length of service since his graduation from the Seminary, he be treated as a special case, in view of the fact that the church he is now serving has attained to self-support, and that the matter of his ordination at this Convention be considered in accordance with the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee (see Ad Interim Action No. 50), his provisional examination by the Examining Committee being accepted as satisfying the requirements in the case. (Note: This action was taken under proviso found in Section 103 of the old Constitution).

Candidates for Ordination. The Ministerium then voted by ballot on each of the three applicants in turn, Messrs. Rokuro Yamauchi, Shinichi Kawagiri, and Kanzo Matsuoka, with the result that

by a majority vote in each case the ordination of all three at this Convention was approved.

The candidates were then invited in and the President announced to them the above action. Following this, at the request of the President, the Rev. T. Yonemura addressed the candidates on behalf of the Ministerium.

Elections. Officers were not elected in view of the fact that under the new Constitution the officers of the Convention will be ex officio officers of the Ministerium. The following were elected by ballot as the Examining Committee for the coming year: Revs. C. W. Hepner, J. M. T. Winther, H. Inadomi, and K. Takimoto.

Ordination Service Appointments. The President appointed to participate in the ordination service, in addition to the Presidents and Secretaries of the two chambers of the Convention, Revs. H. Inadomi and C. E. Norman.

Death of Rev. K. Shiina. A brief memorial service for Rev. K. Shiina was conducted by Rev. C. Kishi. In addition to this, it was voted to ask the two Secretaries to write up an appropriate resolution with reference to the death of Mr. Shiina, a copy of which is to be sent to Mrs. Shiina, and to make a suitable record in the minutes.

After the singing of Hymn 256, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction.

In Memoriam

Rev. KIICHIRO SHIINA

Report of Joint Executive Committee

The following are actions taken ad interim by the Joint Executive Committee:

By Mail—Nos. 1-10 (April-June, 1930):

1. **Karatsu Chapel Location.** Voted to approve of the removal of the Karatsu chapel to a more suitable location, and to grant from some suitable item in the budget an increase of ¥5 per month on account of rent.

2. **Tsuboike Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. T. Tsuboike a loan of ¥100 from the Pastors' Aid Fund with interest payable at three per cent.

3. **Ouchi Sick Leave.** Voted on account of Rev. K. Ouchi's need of rest and recuperation, to grant him a three months' leave of absence, and to appoint Mr. S. Utsumi as supply evangelist at Hiroshima for that time.

4. **Osaka Church Affairs.** Voted in view of Mrs. Takimoto's impaired health, to postpone until Mr. Utsumi's arrival the opening of the proposed new work in the vicinity of Osaka, and to ask Rev. Hepner to assist Rev. Takimoto in the preaching and other necessary work at the Osaka church, at the same time granting on account of caretaker and cleaning a monthly allowance of ¥20, this to be continued until the time of the next meeting of the Joint Executive Committee, any further action on this matter to be considered at that time.

5. **Western Conference Expenses.** Voted to grant the sum of ¥60 on account of the expenses of the Western District Conference, same to be drawn from the new budget in July.

6. **N. C. C. Shrines Statement.** Voted to approve the proposed statement of the National Christian Council with reference to the shrines problem.

7. **Takashima Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. S. Takashima from the Pastors' Aid Fund a loan of ¥100, this together with the unpaid balance of his previous loan, making a total of ¥310, to be refunded at the rate of ¥20 per month from May, 1930.

8. **Naogata Building Plans.** Voted to approve the plans for the Naogata Church building as submitted by the Building Committee, and to forward them to the Board of Foreign Missions with a request for their approval.

9. **Karatsu Summer Work.** Voted to grant to the Karatsu chapel ¥30 from the item for general incidentals in the new budget on account of expenses of theological student Takei for summer evangelistic work.

10. **Karatsu Chapel Equipment..** Voted to grant on account of equipment and repairs at the Karatsu chapel the sum of ¥73.60, same to be taken from the item for general incidentals in the new budget.

Kobe Meeting—Nos. 11-21 (June 30, 1930):

11. **Moji Parsonage.** Voted in view of the need of extensive repairs to the Moji parsonage on account of white ants, to approve of the renting of another house for Mr. Kishi near the church and of allowing Mr. Linn to move into the parsonage until he can find a suitable residence elsewhere, thereby releasing a part of his house rent for the above mentioned repairs.

12. **Iwanaga Allowance.** Voted to advance to Mr. Iwanaga in a lump sum one year's portion of the allowance of ¥30 per month previously granted to his wife in view of his going to America for study.

13. **Iwanaga Loan.** Voted to grant to Mr. Iwanaga from the Pastors' Aid Fund a loan of ¥240, same to be refunded by Mrs. Iwanaga at the rate of ¥20 per month from January to December, 1931, with ¥7.20 interest to be added to the final payment, it being understood that after Mr. Iwanaga's departure his wife will make payments on this loan directly to the Mission Treasurer by the end of each month as due.

14. **Saito's Call.** Voted to approve of calling Rev. R. Saito, at present pastor of the Moji Union Church, as assistant to Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson at East Kobe, this appointment to be effective from November of this year until the time of the next Convention, his salary to be fixed at ¥106 with rent at ¥30 per month.

15. **East Kobe Supply.** Voted to appoint theological student Koidzumi to assist in the work of East Kobe Chapel from July to September of this year, and to ask Mr. Hepner to supply for the remaining time until Mr. Thorlaksson's return from America.

16. **Budget Revision.** Voted to approve of the reduction of the Evangelistic Budget to a total of ¥53,649. to meet the requirement of the Mission Board and the recommendation of the Finance and Mission Executive Committees, and to reapportion the items within the budget in accordance with the revised form.

17. **New Seminary Students.** Voted to approve the report of the President of the Seminary with reference to the admission and

support of new students from April of this year as follows:

First Year Students:

Fukami Yoshi, of Minamata, (Kyushu Gakuin, 1928).
Ishiyama Yoshizumi, of Kumamoto, (Kyushu Gakuin, 1930).
Kawaguchi Shunji, Kyoto.
Nemoto Yaoki, Kurume.
Tawara Mitsugu, Saga.

These five were granted scholarships of ¥25. per mo. each.

Katagiri Gun, Pastor of the Finnish Lutheran Church, Akabane.
Okamoto Eiichi, a member of the Finnish Lutheran Church.

These two were admitted without financial aid.

Post Graduate Student:

Koidzumi Noboru, of Kyoto, Theological Department Doshisha University.

The last named was granted a sholarship of ¥35. per mo.

18. **Bach Furlough Supply.** Voted that during Mr. Bach's absence on furlough, Mr. Miller be asked to look after the work of the Kumamoto Church and Minamata, and Mr. Schillinger the rural evangelistic work.

19. **Kobe Church Building.** Voted with reference to the matter of a Kobe church building, that Messrs. Miura and Miller be appointed as a sub-committee to investigate and report to the next meeting of this committee.

20. **Takimoto Allowance.** Voted with reference to Action No. 4 taken by mail, that in view of the improved health of Mrs. Takimoto, the special allowance be discontinued and that Mr. Takimoto's situation be left as before.

21. **Horn Resignation.** Voted to authorize the Chairman, Mr. Miura, to interview Mr. Horn with reference to his possibly consenting to withdraw his resignation before it is sent to the Board, and afterwards, in consultation with the Secretary of the Mission, Mr. Linn, to take appropriate action.

By Mail—Nos. 22-43 (July-December, 1930):

22. **Nagoya Church.** Voted to approve plans and estimate for moving the Nagoya church building to our own land, work on same to be begun at once.

23. **Tominaga Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. S. Tominaga a loan of ¥100 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be repaid at the rate of ¥10 per month from September, 1930, and ¥3 as interest to be added to last monthly payment.

24. **Yoshida Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. Y. Yoshida a loan

of ¥150 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be repaid at the rate of ¥10 per month, and ¥1.50 as interest to be added to the last monthly payment.

25. **Kurume Kindergarten Building.** Voted to approve plans of the Kurume Kindergarten building as submitted by the Building Committee.

26. **Tominaga Loan.** Voted to grant Rev. S. Tominiga the privilege of paying ¥70 at once on loan of ¥100 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, and the balance ¥10 per month, the payment of ¥3 interest to be cancelled.

27. **Matsuoka Loan.** Voted to grant to Mr. K. Matsuoka a loan of ¥80 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be repaid at the rate of ¥10 per month from September 1930, and ¥2.40 as interest to be added to last monthly payment.

28. **Moji Budget.** Voted to restore the Moji budget for travel to ¥50, the necessary amount for same, ¥30 to be taken from General Incidentals.

29. **Minamata Repairs.** Voted to grant ¥31 to the Minamata budget for repairs made necessary by the typhoon in July.

30. **Saga Repairs.** Voted to grant ¥111.18 to the Saga budget for repairs to church and parsonage made necessary by the July typhoon.

31. **Nagoya Budget.** Owing to a mistake in making up the Nagoya budget it was voted to grant ¥524 to make up the deficit, the Treasurer, if necessary, being authorized to use temporarily other funds on hand.

32. **Takashima Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. S. Takashima a loan of ¥200 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, making the total now loaned to Rev. Takashima ¥410, payment to be made at rate of ¥20 per month from October, 1930, and ¥6 interest to be paid on new loan of ¥200.

33. **Kyoto Special Tax.** Voted to grant ¥124.74 to the Kyoto budget for special tax levied because of street improvements.

34. **Miss H. Harder to Ogi.** Voted: (1) That, in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the Women's Work Committee, Miss H. Harder be transferred at once from Tokyo to the Saga—Ogi evangelistic work, with residence at Ogi. (2) That, in addition to work assigned to Miss Annie Powlas by the Kobe Convention, Miss Powlas also take over Miss Harder's work in Tokyo until the time of next Convention.

35. **Hirai Teaching.** Voted to grant the request of Rev. K. Hirai to be allowed to continue his part-time teaching at Kinjo

Jogakuin until March, 1931, with the understanding that he is to turn over to the Nagoya Church building fund whatever of his remuneration is left after deducting actual expenses for travelling back and forth.

36. **Hirai Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. K. Hirai a loan of ¥40 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be returned at the rate of ¥10 per month from February, 1931.

37. **Yawata Change of Location.** Voted to approve of the removal of the Yawata Church to Shin-machi, Itchome, and to grant for this purpose an increase of ¥6 per month in the allowance for rent; at the same time urging that the church increase as much as possible its contributions toward self-support, in order that the resulting deficit in the budget may be kept as small as possible.

38. **Watanabe Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. K. Watanabe a loan of ¥300 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be returned at the rate ¥20 per month, to be increased to ¥30 per month after a previous loan has been repaid.

39. **Kawagiri Loan.** Voted to grant to Mr. S. Kawagiri a loan of ¥150 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of ¥10 per month from January, 1931, with the sum of ¥4.50 as interest to accompany the final payment.

40. **Hiroshima Budget Increase.** Voted to grant to the Hiroshima budget from some appropriate item of the general budget an additional allowance of ¥30 (out of a total of ¥40 needed) for the purchase of a stove.

41. **Saga Missionary.** Voted that in the absence of Rev. F. W. Heins on furlough Rev. J. M. T. Winther be appointed as acting associated missionary for the Saga, Ogi, and Karatsu fields.

42. **Amagi Change of Location.** Voted to approve the change of location of the Amagi Church; and, in order to make up a necessary ¥100 for repairs to the new place out of the surplus of ¥6 per month realized from the difference in rent, to allow a continuance of the present rent, ¥16 per month, for seventeen months (until April, 1932).

43. **Honda Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. D. Honda on account of medical expenses a loan of ¥50 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of ¥5 per month from June, 1931.

Tokyo Meeting—Nos. 44-58 (January 5-6, 1931):

44. **Kyushu Gakuin Church Independence.** With reference to a request from Kyushu Gakuin Church for recognition as a self-supporting congregation, the Joint Executive Committee, upon investigation having satisfied itself that the church is qualified to

take this step, with gratitude to God for His abounding grace, voted to recommend to the forth-coming Convention that the request be granted.

45. **Congregational Doctrinal Basis.** Voted that hereafter, in connection with requests for recognition as self-supporting churches, congregations be required to express in their application their intention to conform to the doctrinal standards as laid down in the constitution of our church.

46. **S. S. Committee Budget.** Voted in response to a request from the Sunday School Committee for an additional ¥60, that under the circumstances the amount be granted, provided it can be gotten out of the balance of the general budget at the end of the fiscal year.

47. **Next Convention.** Voted that the next Convention be held at Tokyo, April 14-17, 1931, with the understanding that the members of the Japanese body will be allowed 3rd class travelling expenses (this in order to conform with their desire to meet in Tokyo, without at the same time increasing the total expense); that the Chairmen and Secretaries of the two bodies be responsible for preparing the Convention program; and that Messrs. D. Honda and John K. Linn constitute a special committee to make investigations regarding places of meeting and entertainment.

It was voted, furthermore, that, aside from the election of officers and standing committees, all business at this Convention is to be transacted as heretofore in accordance with the old constitution; and that a period towards the end of the Convention be set aside for reorganization, election of officers and committees, etc.

48. **Aoyama—Sakai.** In view of a serious interruption, caused by further requirements of military service, which makes inadvisable their regular appointment, it was voted to locate Evangelist S. Aoyama temporarily (until June, 1931) in Kobe to work in connection with the Kobe Church; and Evangelist Y. Sakai for the same period to work in the Kurume field under the direction of Mr. Winther.

49. **Takei Request.** Voted to grant theological student Seigo Takei permission to remain in Tokyo for an additional year of study and observation at his own expense, it being understood that he is to be under the supervision of the Seminary faculty, and that he shall be liable to appointment to regular work at any time that the needs of the church may require.

50. **Ordination Recommendations.** With reference to the application of Evangelists Shinichi Kawagiri, Kanzo Matsuoka, and Rokuro Yamauchi for ordination, the Committee having investigated their applications and qualifications, and being satisfied in

each case with the results, voted to recommend them to the Examining Committee for examination with a view to ordination at the forthcoming Convention.

51. **Shimonoseki Parsonage Plans.** With reference to drawings submitted by the Building Committee in connection with a proposed parsonage at Shimonoseki, it was voted that because of various apparent defects in the plans and of the excessive cost, the plans be referred back to the committee for reconsideration, with the request that, in consultation with Contractor Tsuji, revised plans be worked out for a building not to exceed a cost of ¥3000.

52. **Kobe Church Plans.** Voted to approve the plans for a church building at Kobe, as submitted by the Building Committee, and to forward same to the Foreign Mission Board with a request for approval; it being understood that the cost of building and equipment is not to exceed ¥20,000.

53. **Mission Special Delegation.** Voted to send to the members of the Mission's 1930 Special Delegation a letter of appreciation of their efforts in America on behalf of the Japan work.

54. **New Stations.** Voted with a view to opening up two new stations during the next year, to include in the new budget a sufficient amount to cover this item.

55. **Pastors' Aid Fund.** Voted to approve the report of Treasurer C. E. Norman with reference to the present condition of the Pastor's Aid Fund.

56. **Lippard Location.** Voted in view of the return of Misses Potts and Martha Harder on furlough this summer, to appoint Miss Faith Lippard to work temporarily at Kyushu Jogakuin, in accordance with the recommendation of the Women's Work Committee.

57. **East Kobe Building.** With reference to a proposal to negotiate for the purchase of the building now being used for the East Kobe Chapel and Mission Work Center, using for this purpose the balance of the Kobe Fund, it was voted to appoint Revs. S. O. Thorlaksson and C. W. Hepner as a committee to confer with the landlord with a view to securing the best figures possible both on a purchase and on a rental basis, the Joint Executive Committee holding itself ready to take action by mail following the receipt of a report on the negotiations.

58. **Evangelistic Budget.** Voted on recommendation of the Mission Finance Committee, to approve of a budget for the fiscal year 1931-1932, giving a total of ¥69,019, of which amount ¥6,000 is expected from the Japanese Churches, leaving a balance of ¥63,019 requested from the Foreign Mission Board.

By Mail—Nos. 59-65 (January-March, 1931):

59. **Tsuboike Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. T. Tsuboike on account of medical expenses a loan of ¥100 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of ¥10 per month from April, 1931.

60. **Utsumi Loan.** Voted to grant to Mr. S. Utsumi on account of wedding preparation expenses a loan of ¥150 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of ¥15 per month from March, 1931, with ¥4.50 interest to be added to the last payment.

61. **Chiga Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. T. Chiga on account of his daughter's medical expenses a loan from the Pastors' Aid Fund, as follows: Amount of loan—¥55 per month for four months (total—¥220); to be refunded at the rate of ¥10 per month for the months of November and December, 1931, and the balance at the rate of ¥20 per month from January to October, 1932.

62. **Takase Loan.** Voted to grant to Mr. Y. Takase on account of his wife's medical expenses a loan of ¥50 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of ¥10 per month from April, 1931.

63. **Shiina Condolence Money.** With reference to the death of Rev. K. Shiina, it was voted to send as condolence money to his family the sum of ¥50 out of the general funds, this to be sent in the name of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

64. **Takase Loan (No. 2).** Voted to grant to Mr. Y. Takase on account of medical expenses an additional loan of ¥150 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be refunded at the rate of ¥15 per month from September, 1931.

65. **East Kobe Building.** Having received the report of the sub-committee previously appointed (see Item 57 above), the Joint Executive Committee voted:

(1) To approve of the purchase of the building now being used for the East Kobe work at a figure not to exceed ¥8,500, including registration fee, incidentals, and all other expenses, and to entrust the negotiations for the purchase to Revs. S. O. Thorlaksson and C. W. Hepner.

(2) To forward this action without delay to the Board of Foreign Missions for their approval in order that all matters connected with the purchase of the property may be completed before the departure of Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson on regular furlough this summer.

(3) To finance this project out of the remainder of the fund raised by Dr. C. K. Lippard in America for Kobe Church property.

JOHN K. LINN,
English Secretary.

The President's Report for 1930

On account of the illness of Mrs. L. S. G. Miller necessitating an early return to America, Dr. Miller, Mission President, tendered his resignation to take effect the first of March, 1931. Consequently, the Vice President, Rev. C. W. Hepner, was called upon to fill out the unexpired term of office. We deeply sympathise with them in their affliction, and pray that Mrs. Miller may soon regain her usual health and strength. With reference to the President's Report, the writer regrets that Dr. Miller could not render the same, but will do his best to set before you the results of the past year.

We have finally carried our Annual Convention within the gates of the Capital City of the Japanese Empire, and from this vantage ground in Tokyo, should be able to view the landscape o'er, and obtain a more comprehensive vision of the great task before us, and the Resources at our disposal for effective and successful Mission Work. As we assemble for this the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, we are filled with Gratitude to God for His innumerable Blessings, and Fatherly Divine Patience; and fervently hope that the New Organization about to be effected on the Basis of the New Constitution will mark a New Era in the development of our beloved Church in this Empire. The future Success or Failure depends very largely on our Spirit of Cooperation with our Japanese brethren; and the Spirit of our Japanese brethren in their Cooperation with us. Ultimately, of course, "Unless Jehovah build the house, they labor in vain that build it: Except Jehovah keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain". (Psalm, 127:1) Let us humble ourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in our brethren who are in the world. And the God of all Grace, who called us unto His eternal glory in Christ, shall perfect, establish, and strengthen us to the good of His Church, and the glory of His Name. (cf. 1 Peter, 5:6, 9, 10). Nothing short of Divine Grace in abundant measure can revive our Hope, and sustain us in the Work of Missions in Japan at this time.

The past year, 1930, has been exceptional in various ways. Great Financial and Economic depression has added vast numbers to the list of the unemployed. During the cold of the unusual Winter, the consequent suffering on account of inadequate clothing and gnawing hunger has touched our hearts with human sympathy. On account of this world-wide depression, Mission

Boards, including our own, have found it difficult to provide adequate Budgets for the maintenance and extension of their work in Foreign Fields. This fact reminds us anew of the intricate relations between world conditions and Mission Propaganda.

"The Kingdom of God Movement" has gained worldwide publicity, and has enlisted tremendous forces for the accomplishment of it's task, namely "A Million for Christ". Many of our Pastors and Missionaries are actively connected with this movement, and we earnestly hope that lasting good will result therefrom. However, let us recognize that "Religious Movements" are numerous in Japan, outside of the Christian Church, and that the breadth is no sure indication of the depth. Our prayer is that those moved will enter the Church and work from the Church as a centre, and not merely be stirred by the appalling social conditions of the country. If this Movement does nothing more than inspire the native ministry with greater zeal, it will be amply worth while. "Social Service", and the "Social Gospel" find congenial soil in the social structure of Japan. "Sorrow for Sin", "Blood-bought Salvation", "Fruits of the Spirit" are less attractive themes.

The approval of the New Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan by the United Lutheran Church in America, at the Seventh Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, October 10th, 1930, is an event of outstanding importance, and one for which we are profoundly thankful, because it marks a forward step in the work of our beloved Church in this Empire. None of us would claim for this Constitution a very high degree of perfection as a legal instrument, though it must be judged by Japanese standards in order to appreciate its merits or demerits; yet we feel that through this Constitution, the Japanese Lutheran Church has been furnished a more effective Instrument for the accomplishment of the great task before it than it has hitherto possessed; and that the New Organization under this Constitution should function more effectively. Should results be disappointing, the cause will likely be found to be in the Spirit of the Members, rather than in the letter of the Law. We have planned, and legislated on the basis of Confidence in the Earnestness and Integrity of our Japanese brethren, and confidently hope that our Faith in them has not been misplaced. Hence it is with Gratitude that we record the approval of the Home Church, and with Faith and Determination that we face the future of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

In connection with the question of reorganization, it is very important to insure the Evangelistic Missionary an adequate sphere of activity, and to provide means whereby he or she may actually function in a free and untrammelled way. In order to do this, definite relationship to the already established congregations, and preaching places should be made clear; and definite responsibility

assumed with reference to certain definite tasks. While this matter concerns the Japanese brethren equally, the Mission has the greatest interest in caring for its own members, and should take the initiative in effecting this readjustment, otherwise dissatisfaction is likely to appear, and the Evangelistic Missionary will be unable to satisfactorily and effectively perform his or her capacity service. The Mission Members, who may be elected to membership on the Executive Board (Somukyoku), might well be asked to see that this matter is not neglected.

Another Item of exceptional importance is with reference to our Special Delegation, consisting of Rev. J. K. Linn and Rev. S. O. Thorlakkson, to convey a Special Message concerning the Needs of our Work on the Field to the Home Church, through the Milwaukee Convention. We appreciate the kindness of the Foreign Mission Board to our Delegates, and are grateful for the hearty reception accorded them at Milwaukee. The Resolution adopted by the Milwaukee Convention, recorded on page 490 of the Minutes of the same, is a matter of peculiar gratification to us. Our Delegates have exceeded our expectations, and deserve our thanks and commendation.

Since our last Convention at Kobe, Rev. D. G. M. Bach and family, Rev. F. W. Heins and family, Miss Maude Powlas, and Miss Faith Lippard have returned to America on furlough. We miss them, and hope that they may be greatly benefited by the months spent among loved ones at home, and renewed in body and soul may in due time resume their several tasks on the Field. Miss Annie Powlas, who was not present at our last Convention, returned to Japan from regular furlough last fall, and has been busy in her new Sphere of activity in Tokyo. We are very glad to have her with us again. Miss Martha Akard also has been home since we last met, but we have the pleasure of welcoming her again at this Convention, because she speeded up her furlough in order to be back in time for the Graduation of the First Class of Girls at the Kyushu Jo-Gakuin. We are very glad to have her with us also.

As we think of the large number about to return to America on furlough, a sense of loneliness and sadness takes possession of us. Our numbers are so few that we can ill afford to spare any from the Field. To Dr. L. S. G. Miller and Mrs. Miller; to Rev. C. E. Norman, Mrs. Norman and Children; Rev. S. O. Thorlakkson, Mrs. Thorlakkson and Children, to Miss Marion Potts, to Miss Martha Harder, and to Miss Grace Beers, one and all, we extend our best wishes for a satisfactory furlough, and a safe return to our midst.

Miss Helene Harder, who had rendered very acceptable service in Tokyo, was called to the Ogi Field to cooperate with Miss Maya Winther, and took up her duties there in the fall of 1930.

Rev. Clarence E. Norman, who for years has been the efficient Treasurer of the Mission, on account of the various duties connected with his approaching furlough, saw fit to resign at the end of the year 1930. His resignation was accepted with regret, and a sense of appreciation of his faithful services. The Rev. J. A. Linn was elected in his stead, and assumed the duties of Treasurer from January 1st, 1931. One advantage of change of Treasurer at this time was the opportunity of the outgoing Treasurer to close up all accounts, and turn over to the incoming one all matters of business in a way that the new Treasurer would have least difficulty in taking over the Office. This was also one consideration which led Rev. Norman to tender his resignation at this time—namely, to make it easier for his successor, who would at any rate have had to assume office on the return of Rev. Norman to America on regular furlough a few months later.

During the past year, we have had an unusual amount of sickness in our Mission. Never before have so many been ill at one time. We have more fully realized our limitations, on this account, and our dependence on Divine Grace and Life. We are thankful that the "Silver cord has not been severed", nor "The wheel broken at the cistern", and pray that those afflicted may be speedily restored to health and service. Some of us are not as young as we used to be, and should not be unduly troubled by what has transpired during an unusually trying year. We should remember that various repairs become necessary with wear and years of service.

Since Station Reports, and Reports on Institutions have not all as yet become available for reference, it is rather difficult to give an exact summary of the Results of the past year. However the majority of these Reports have been duplicated and distributed by the Secretary, and furnish a basis for generalizations.

Our Educational Institutions have felt keenly the Cut in the Budget for 1930, necessitated by the financial conditions of the past year, but have, nevertheless, been able to carry on their work.

Our Theological Seminary in Tokyo, requires more adequate equipment. Dormitory space is a pressing necessity. The Main Administration Building, if provided, would release the Main Dormitory Building, until the present used as Administration Building, for its original purpose, and relieve the situation. We hope that the Board will see its way clear to make this provision in the very near future.

It is certainly a matter of gratification and lawful pride that Kyushu Gakuin has raised through its Alumni and friends in Japan about Yen 40,000 toward the Twentieth Anniversary Building Fund. May we hope that this is an earnest of what this Institution may do in the way of self-support. Dr. L. S. G. Miller, for years the Dean of this Institution, is leaving on furlough to Ame-

rica, and it is fitting to express our appreciation of the great service, which he has rendered Kyushu Gakuin. (What provision shall be made in his absence depends on those more intimately responsible for the same.)

The 18th of March, 1931, is memorable in the Annals of our Mission work in Japan, because the first Class of Girls graduated from Janice James School at this time. We congratulate the Women's Board at Home, Miss Martha Akard, Principal of the Institution, Miss Marion Potts, Miss Martha Harder, and all the teachers of Kyushu Jo-Gakuin, and hope that among the fifty-two girls graduating, some may become wives of Pastors, some Bible Women, some Kindergartners, and all contribute to the Christianization of the Womanhood of Japan.

The past year of depression and unemployment has afforded increased opportunity to our Institutions of Mercy, the Ji-Ai-En in Kumamoto, as well as the Women's Home and Old Peoples' Home in Tokyo. Only the limitation of Funds and Equipment prevented even a greater and a wider service. That our efforts were recognized and appreciated is well attested by the Imperial Gifts graciously granted to our Work. Calls for help have been numerous in all the large cities of the land, and some churches were able to furnish lunches and clothing to the hundreds living out in the parks, and sleeping on the ground. If possible, it would be advisable to give more attention to this phase of our work at such special times of suffering and need.

In reviewing the Results of our Evangelistic Efforts during the past year, it is rather difficult to make a correct Evaluation of the same. Compared with other years, on the basis of Statistics, the additions to the membership of the Church appear to be slightly fewer. The unusual amount of illness among our Missionaries may in part explain this decrease. The difficulties besetting Evangelistic Work in Japan are of a two-fold nature:—First, the times in which we live and labor are difficult, being a period of National, Industrial, and Social Transition. Secondly, with reference to our own particular Work, difficulties connected with reorganization, cooperation with our Japanese brethren, and transition to a period of greater initiative as well as leadership on the part of the Japanese Church. It is quite apparent that Christianity in Japan is facing a crisis. The growing Nationalistic Consciousness; the consequent Superiority Complex; the Revival of Native Religions, having their roots entwined about the whole National Structure, and permeating the entire Field of National History; the systematic and persistent Educational Propaganda carried on, in and through Educational Institutions; as well as the thousands of Shrines and Shinto Priests; the iron-clad family system; and the traditional Moral code with its lack of a conception of Sin,—all these things have always constituted a Barrier to the Gospel,

but have recently assumed the form of an Armored-Car threatening to impede, and prevent our Progress. "Soldiers of Christ, arise and put your armor on, strong in the strength which God supplies, through His eternal Son. That having all things done, and all your conflicts past, ye may o'ercome through Christ alone, and stand entire at last." With reference to the second mentioned difficulties, we most earnestly hope that the New Organization on the basis of the New Constitution will enable us all to function more effectively and satisfactorily, and to do capacity service in the Work of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. "As true as God's own Word is true, not earth nor hell with all their crew against us shall prevail. A jest and byword are they grown: God is with us; we are His own; our Victory cannot fail".

While all our Missionaries have been faithful in the discharge of their duties in their several stations, and the individual reports will furnish the details of their achievements, or the peculiar problems they have had to face; the success attending the efforts of Rev. S. O. Thorlakkson in East Kobe deserves special mention. After a residence of three years in that section, Rev. Thorlakkson has been able, during the past year, to gather a Congregation of about forty adults, and fourteen children as a goodly harvest of souls. We rejoice with him in his success, and praise God for heavenly blessings bestowed upon this work.

It is with gratitude also that we learn of the achievement of the Congregation at Kyushu Gakuin, in attaining self-support and the status of an independent Church. That the Okubo Congregation in Tokyo expects to become self-supporting in the near future is also a matter of interest, and a cause for thanksgiving.

The translation and publication of the "Augsburg Confession" in time for the 400th Anniversary of the same, by our Joint Literature Committee, is one of the outstanding achievements of the year 1930. This will meet a long felt need, and be formative in the development of our Lutheran Church in Japan.

The "Shinsei-kwan" under the capable management of Rev. C. E. Norman has done a fine piece of work during the past year in the sphere of Newspaper Evangelism. We are grateful for his acceptable services, and the blessings attending his efforts.

Besides the facts mentioned in this report, unnumbered and unseen influences have gone out from each one of us and our ministry reminding those about us that we are the witnesses of our Lord Jesus, and inclining them to a more favourable attitude toward the cause which we represent. Singly we are weak, but in the aggregate able to accomplish great things for the Kingdom. "Little drops of water, little grains of sand make the mighty ocean and the far stretched land."

And now we commit ourselves and the interests of our Church to Him, who is able to do for us exceedingly abundantly more

than we can ask or think, and lay our service of the year 1930 upon the Altar, praying that it may be pleasant and acceptable unto Him, our God, and Saviour, to whom be glory and dominion now and forever.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HEPNER, President.

Report of Committees, Representatives, Etc.

Report of the Joint Evangelistic Committee

The Joint Committee has held but one meeting during the year. At this time we organized and drafted general plans for the carrying on of the usual Fall and spring evangelistic campaigns.

We conducted the special services in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession in the Fall of 1930. Revs. Miura, Winther, Horn, Ishimatsu, and Inadomi were the speakers at the various churches of our Lutheran church in Japan.

On account of the shortage of funds, it has been impossible to plan an aggressive spring campaign. This campaign is being left in the hands of the local congregations. 1500 envelopes have been prepared for the self-denial offerings, this offering to be used in carrying out the local program of spring evangelism.

We express our sincere appreciation to the Women's Convention of the Japan church for their gift of Yen seventy for the work of this committee.

We express the hope that the new Executive Board will give serious attention to the formulation of an aggressive evangelistic policy for both spring and fall.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. KNUDTEN,
For the Committee.

Report of the Joint Literature Committee

The two matters entrusted to this Committee by the Convention of 1930 have been attended to.

1. **The Prayer Calendar.** Three hundred copies of the calendar were printed; the color of the paper was changed to distinguish them from those of the previous year; necessary names of individuals and organizations were added; and several new and appropriate petitions, as for example for self-support, for men for the Ministry, for wider evangelism, etc., were added. The cost of printing was ¥2.10.

2. **The Augsburg Confession.** About the time that the Committee was bestirring itself to get the work of translation under way, it was learned that the Editor of the "Ruteru" had already requested Prof. N. Asaji to translate the first part of the Augsburg Confession for the special Quadricentennial Number of the "Ruteru", to appear on June 25th, 1930.

The Committee took action asking the Joint Executive Committee to have Prof. Asaji added to the Literature Committee. Although the Joint Executive Committee considered it had not the right to add a member to a regular standing committee, the Literature Committee was left free to co-opt Mr. Asaji. This they did, and Prof. Asaji most generously placed his manuscript of the *entire* translation of the Augsburg Confession at the disposal of the Literature Committee.

The Committee then appointed one of its number to collaborate with Prof. Asaji and authorized these two to edit and publish the translation. The booklet was published October 20th, 1930. The Committee has already publicly acknowledged its obligation to Prof. Asaji in the Preface to the publication.

Two thousand copies of the Confession were printed, at a cost of ¥206.96. Including all other expenses of meetings, expressage, etc., the total cost of publishing the book did not exceed ¥280. It sells at 20 sen per copy.

The Committee wishes to state that the copies of Luther's Small Catechism published last year have been selling well. Almost all of the paper bound copies have been sold. The Committee would be glad to have the entire edition exhausted so that a reprint would be necessitated.

The edition of the Reihaishiki-Bun printed seven years ago is fast being sold out. The Literature Committee recently took action offering remaining copies at half price; as follows: cloth, 25 sen; stiff leather, 75 sen; limp leather, 85 sen. It is hoped that pastors will urge their members to furnish themselves individually with copies of the church book.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN.

For the Joint Literature Committee.

S. Okuma, K. Hirai, C. E. Norman, and E. T. Horn, Members.

Report of the Joint Sunday School Committee

This year's Sunday School Committee regrets that on account of the diminished budget it was unable to carry out its program as planned, but rejoices to announce that the various Sunday Schools of our Church are showing a decided upward tendency. In parenthesis it might be stated here that the Committee itself has become financially and personally embarrased to the extent of about sixty-five yen for a portion of the work reported below.

The main work of the Committee was as follows:

1. The training of Sunday School teachers.

2. The supplying of a Sunday School specialist as speaker at Mt. Aso Summer Assembly for the special benefit of the Kyushu Sunday School teachers.

3. The assisting of the Sunday School teachers to attend the Karuizawa Summer Training School.

4. Financial aid to the Robert Rakes Memorial Program held at Karuizawa under the auspices of the National Sunday School Association in connection with the Karuizawa Summer Training School.

5. The awarding of honor medals to three hundred and sixteen of our Sunday School pupils throughout our Church for perfect attendance during the year. This is double the number of last year's awards, and for this reason we wish to highly recommend the continuance of this system to the incoming Committee as the most effective way to increase regular attendance at our Sunday Schools.

The net proceeds of the offerings taken at a few of our Sunday Schools on Sunday School Day (First Sunday after Epiphany) were ¥28.65, again doubling last year's record.

Your representative attended the meeting of the National Sunday School Association's Board of Directors held in Tokyo in February of this year, to which he was invited to represent the Lutheran Mission. Reports were submitted and considered. The final plans for the National Sunday School Convention in Kyoto this year beginning April 19th were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. THORLAKSSON.

Report on "Ruteru," the Japanese Church Paper

The church paper has been published as usual during the past year to the number of 28-2900 copies a month. A special number was published in June last year in celebration of the quadricentennial of the Augsburg Confession. During the year it was possible to deposit the 500 Yen of surety money, required by the government in order to get the full status and all the privileges of a periodical. The form of the paper was changed from the beginning of the current year thereby giving a little more space for reading matter. Ought it not be used more in free distribution? The price is only Yen 1.30 per hundred.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. T. WINTHER.

Report of Joint Committee on Higher Education

The committee offers the following recommendation:

1. Feeling, as we do, the need of a Christian institution for the higher education of women, of recognized educational standard, to which we can link our own girls' high school; and

2. Realizing that our church can never aspire to support in Japan an institution of this standing; and also,

3. Believing that our church should identify itself with the already existing union institution for the Christian higher education of women in Japan;

We recommend that the Women's Board be requested to give favorable consideration to a plan for co-operation in the work of the Tokyo Christian College, and that they be requested either to make an appropriation of two thousand dollars ($2000) per year for this purpose, or furnish a missionary as a member of the faculty of the college.

COMMITTEE:

L. S. G. MILLER. I. MIURA.
EDWARD T. HORN. H. INADOMI.
MARION E. POTTS. J. MURAKAMI.

Report of Joint Committee on Evangelistic Library

The library, located at Shinyashiki, Kumamoto, contains 627 volumes and is under the immediate care of the Rev. S. Tominaga. This year 225 books were loaned to 104 persons. More new books are needed but curtailed funds prevent the purchase of such.

Respectfully,

S. TOMINAGA.
GEO. W. SCHILLINGER.

Report of Tokyo Social Service Committee

We recommend that, in case a reasonable price can be secured for the lease on our present location of Bethany Home, we sell the same, and with the funds received, buy, at least, four hundred tsubo from the large tract diagonally across the street, and move the present buildings to that location.

It should be noted that our present lots have a much higher commercial value than the one we propose to secure. The differ-

ence in prices makes it possible to secure a larger lot, and also to move the buildings, without asking the Mission for funds. Also, the proposed lot will be in one tract, whereas the present ones are cut through by a nine foot street which seriously works to the disadvantage of the Home.

COMMITTEE: A. J. STIREWALT. I. MIURA.
E. T. HORN. D. HONDA.
ANNIE POWLAS.

Report of Women's Work Committee

Apr. 1930—Apr. 1931.

As we look back over the work of the past year, there is much for which we are most grateful to our Heavenly Father. He has blessed not only our work in general but has been kind to all with whom we have been working and with our missionaries.

Miss Annie Powlas returned to us in the early fall filled with new enthusiasm and refreshed and strengthened after her year's furlough in the home land. And now she is busily engaged studying the work in and about the Bethany Home, and I trust that at this Convention we may be able to make a satisfactory solution of this most important work.

Miss Maude Powlas and Miss Faith Lippard are now enjoying a rest, I hope it is, and a pleasant furlough among relatives and friends in America.

And in the short period of one year Miss Akard has made a flying trip to America and is with us again at this Convention. We are always happy to welcome our missionaries back to the field after a vacation in the homeland. And especially are we happy to have them find so much joy in the work that is theirs to do in this land.

One of the happiest events of the past year was the first Commencement held at the Janice James School on March 18 when 53 girls left our school to enter a new life of service. This is but the beginning, we are sure, of the sending forth of many noble, earnest and Christian young women into various fields of service and we are especially happy when some choose the work of the church as their service for their Master.

Miss Sadako Kido was graduated from the Lambuth School for Christian Workers on March 13. During her three years of study in preparation for work as a Bible Woman, Miss Kido has done most creditable work and has impressed all the members of the faculty with her sincerity of purpose and willingness to do whatever there is for her to do. We have also had good news of Miss

Isobe who will be graduated in 1932. She was second in her class and therefore had the honor of giving the farewell greetings from the student body to the graduates. We are happy to have girls such as these preparing for Christian service and trust that during the coming year we might have several more prepare for special work.

Miss Nomoto, after working for one year in the Ji-Ai-En Nursery School, entered Lambuth Training School for kindergarten work as a beneficiary student. She was the only girl to enter school as a beneficiary student this year but we have had requests from a number of girls for special training and we hope that more will be able to join Nomoto San at the beginning of the new school year.

Under date of December 12, 1930, Kurume Church Council wrote the W. W. Committee that they had decided to accept the recommendation of our Convention of last year to assume the responsibility of the kindergarten from April, 1931. The Committee will provide a subsidy of yen five hundred provided two trained teachers are employed. During the year the parents and friends of the kindergarten raised yen two thousand five hundred for the new building which was erected at a cost of almost yen six thousand. The balance of the money needed was to be raised by the church. As Principal of the kindergarten for almost six years, it was most gratifying to be able to relinquish my duties after the new building was provided. The new building, however, is not what I had hoped to leave in that it is not equipped and furnished as we had planned it to be. It is our hope and prayer that this part of the work of Kurume Church will truly be a great blessing in helping to win many souls for the kingdom.

A new kindergarten was opened by the Minamata Church Council in September, 1930. This work is receiving a subsidy of three hundred yen.

The Kindergarten in Okubo after receiving funds from the W. W. Committee for more than a year became self-supporting from September of last year. It is encouraging to have the churches assume full responsibility of the kindergartens and we trust that as new kindergartens are opened by the various church councils in the future, they will make them self-supporting.

Miss Helene Harder left her work in Tokyo last fall and joined Miss Winther in the work in the Saga-Ogi field. And she has been doing splendid work with the two kindergartens during her short stay there.

Miss Lippard, upon her return to Japan, will become English teacher at Kyushu Jo Gakuin for one year.

Last summer the first Young Women's Conference was held from July 21-24 at Janice James School with an enrollment of forty-five. As it was the first meeting of this nature for our young women, we, who were present felt that a yearly conference of this

nature will be most profitable for the future development of young women's organizations in our Lutheran Church in Japan. A second conference will be held again this year from July 21-24 at Sasaguri, Fukuoka Ken, and I wish to ask all present to encourage the young women from your churches to attend.

I know there are many who have plans and hopes for the future and I have no doubt that many will be heard of at this Convention. And I trust that the recommendation made by our Committee to the Mission Executive Committee at its January meeting of this School kindergarten, in Hakozaki will be granted. This is a new field in so far as the opening of work is concerned but it is not entirely new to us because for the past twelve years or more we have been doing Sunday School work. Here is an opportunity for the Lutheran church to establish a center for Christian work before any other denomination does so.

With faith in the Giver of all Good Things, and with courage to attempt greater things knowing that God will give us strength, we go forward with the work for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. SHIRK, Chairman.

Committee on Newspaper Evangelism (Fukuoka New Life Hall)

The Committee held its annual meeting in Fukuoka on February 13th with the three members present. The Manager's report was received, and the financial report for 1930 and the budget for 1931 were approved. In view of the approaching furlough of the Manager, the Committee decided to recommend to the two Missions the appointment of Rev. J. M. T. Winther to the acting managership of the office.

To give an idea of the progress of the work, a gist of the Manager's report is presented as follows:

In March, 1931, the office completed 10 years of service, during which time Mr. Norman has been manager for 6¼ years. From the beginning our Mission has appropriated yearly to the work. At first the grant was Yen 2,000, then several years ago was cut to Y1,800, and this year has been Yen 1,600. Altho our contributions have been larger in recent years than those of the Dutch Reformed Church, in the aggregate we are yet behind the Reformed Church.

During 1930 as a result of 52 advertisements in the Fukuoka Nichinichi, friends' introductions and applications to the News Agency from Menthelatum directions and the "Kingdom of God

Newspaper", 1923 persons applied for free tracts. Of that number 283 or 14.7% joined the reading club. To the club members 2,413 books were lent. Baptisms to the number of 23 were reported, making a total since April, 1921, of 298. "New Life", the evangelistic monthly, was published to the number of 38,950, of which more than 2/5 were sold to others for distribution. And Yen 1,258 was the total sales of "New Life" and literature.

Of the applicants 71.3% came through the newspaper advertisements, 11.8% through friends' introductions and 13.7% through the News Agency. And 86.7% were from places in Fukuoka prefecture and Kyushu.

The Sales Department handled 350 copies of the weekly, "Kingdom of God Newspaper", of which about 220 copies were taken by local churches and about 105 subscribed to by the club members.

The Balance Sheet shows a net expenditure of Yen 4,133.11 and contributions of Yen 3,233.28. The contributions came from the following sources:

Reformed Church Sources	Yen	1,060.31	monthly average	Yen 88.36
Lutheran Church Sources (including Mission Grant of Yen 1,650)		1,934.88	monthly average	161.24
Others, mostly club members		41.59		
Honoraria for correcting English papers		196.50		
	Yen	3,233.28		

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. SCHILLINGER.

CLARENCE E. NORMAN (Manager).

H. Kuyper is the Dutch Reformed Mission representative on the Committee.

Report of Building Committee

Your Building Committee reports that during the year only two buildings were erected, i.e. at Nagoya, a combination chapel and Kindergarten Building; at Kurume, a Kindergarten and Community Hall. Besides drafting and executing the plans for the above, plans have been drafted, submitted and approved for the following,—(1) Naogata Chapel and remodelling of Parsonage, (2) Omuta Chapel and Parsonage and (3) Shimonoseki Parsonage.

Much routine work is entailed in connection with such work as is submitted to this Committee, details of which cannot even be indicated in a report. Blueprints and copies of all drawings are in the files of this Committee.

S. O. THORLAKSSON, Chairman.
ARTHUR LINN.
C. E. NORMAN.

Furniture Committee Report

This committee has done its work and has for your examination a record of its actions as found in the minutes of the committee. Further a record of receipts and expenditures has been carefully kept. This too we beg to announce is for your inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. SCHILLINGER, Chairman.
(Mrs.) CAROL K. THORLAKSSON.
MARY HELTIBRIDLE.

Report of the Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee has published during the past year four articles in the Foreign Missionary and one in the Lutheran. Unfortunately the committee has enjoyed the cooperation of only a very few members of the mission. Some with a due appreciation of the importance of this work and with a willingness to help have kindly sent in articles or letters directly to the missionary periodicals; others have not responded to appeals for help in this line of endeavor. In connection with the work of the Special Gifts Department we have had occasion to translate and forward to the secretary of that department some most interesting letters from certain Japanese pastors and students along with pictures. As it is the purpose of the secretary in charge of this work to make such material count for as much as possible we anticipate that this also will be used for publicity in the periodicals in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY HELTIBRIDLE.
GRACE BEERS.
J. A. LINN (Chairman).
G. W. SHILLINGER.

Report of Special Gifts Correspondent

We have corrected the old list of proteges and brought it up to date, have assigned new proteges where necessary and supplied the secretary in charge of this department with a list of beneficiary students still to be assigned, together with accurate information as to their several needs, dates of graduation etc. We have tabulated and forwarded to the secretary a list of causes which might to supported as "parishes abroad". We have still further solicited reports and suitable pictures to be forwarded to the patrons of parishes abroad and have reported to Dr. Thomas when such material had been sent in. In almost all cases such reports for "parishes abroad" have been made. Six letters from proteges have been translated and forwarded, together with some very splendid pictures in some cases. Reports from others have been repeatedly solicited but so far without result.

At present thirteen "parishes abroad" and eleven proteges are being supported at least in part in this way. The total contributions to Japan through this department at present is approximately $7000.00 per year. It represents the work of twenty-four organizations and individuals. An example of the high-powered interest which may be induced by this method is that of the Sunday School at the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N.Y. That Sunday School with one hundred and twenty pupils supports Okubo church as a "parish abroad" at $825.00 per year. We may expect still better results from the new plan of the Board which is now being worked out.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LINN, Correspondent.

Auditors' Report

The undersigned takes pleasure in reporting that he together with Rev. G. W. Schillinger, elected to take the place of Rev. J. A. Linn, who resigned because elected to become treasurer, audited the books of the Mission treasurer and also of the Shinseikwan and found them absolutely correct. For various reasons the books of Kyushu Gakuin have not yet at this date been audited but it is to be done in the very near future. This seems to be the extent of the work expected of your auditing committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. T. WINTHER.

Report of the Representative on the Property Management Committee of the Canadian Academy

Your representative on the Property Management Committee of the Canadian Academy is also the Secretary of this Board. The regular routine work of this office has been attended to together with much work on sub-committee assignments. No change in the policy or plans of the extension program of the new and enlarged Canadian Academy can be reported, for, because of the general financial depression in both America and Japan, no aggressive campaign for funds has been possible. The Mission Board of the United Church in Canada has by action definitely ordered the postponement of the launching of a financial campaign in Canada for the present. But a number of definite pledges and payments have been received for the extension fund from a number of the co-operating missions, and we are hopefully waiting for the realization of the request made by our Mission last year (1930 Minutes, page 77, Item 61) to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. THORLAKSSON.

Report of the Representative on the Board of the American School in Japan

Since last September your representative on the Board of the American School in Japan has also been a member of the Board's Executive Committee. The school has had one of the most satisfactory years in its history, and the largest enrollment since its founding, namely 166 pupils, of which 48% are children of missionaries.

The main problem that the school has had to face is that of financial support. The customary annual drive for ten thousand yen or more has become unpopular and the Board has had to raise tuitions thirty per cent to meet expenses. The raise became effective from January 1st, 1931, in the case of all constituents of non-contributing organizations. But by action of the Executive Committee, the operation of the new rule in the case of contributors was postponed in an effort to get them to raise their approporiations. This matter has already been presented informally to our Mission Executive Committee. But in view of the approaching Convention the Committee took no action, but is prepared to have it brought before the Mission in session for action.

The Board of Trustees asks that contributing organizations

make a grant of not less than two hundred yen per annum per child, the number of children to be calculated on the basis of the average number of children from the various contributing organizations in the school during the past three years. In the case of our Mission, the minimum contribution asked is thus about ¥1,800 (average number of children for three years being actually 8 1/3). Our present contribution is ¥900. If we can raise our contribution to ¥1,800, our individual missionaries will continue to pay the same tuition for their children that we now pay, namely:

Grades	1	to	4	¥120 per year
„	5	to	8	¥150 per year
„	9	to	12	¥180 per year.

But if our contribution is not raised, fees must be paid at the increased rate, from which will be deducted only the ¥900 contributed, the same being pro rated as a discount among the nine children of our Mission. According to the new schedule the full rates are:

Grades	1	to	4	¥312 per year
„	5	to	8	¥390 per year
„	9	to	12	¥468 per year.

On the present basis our Lutheran children, nine in number, would pay ¥2,760 tuition per year; we actually pay, however, ¥1,380 per year, receiving as we do a 50 per cent reduction by virtue of being a contributing organization. If our bills are made out at the new rate the total cost to us will be ¥3,432 per year from which will be deducted the nine hundred yen grant made by our Mission Board, making a net total cost to us per year of ¥2,532.

If our Board increases its grant as requested to ¥1,800, our missionaries will continue to pay against a bill of ¥3,432 for tuition only ¥1,380. If our Board does not raise its grant our missionaries will be required to pay ¥1,152 more than at present, which amounts to an increase of ¥128 in tuition per child per year.

I herewith recommend that the Mission make an appeal to the Board to raise its annual grant to the American School in Japan from September 1931 to ¥1,800.

While it is natural to look at this whole question in a *quid pro quo* sort of way, it is also possible to look at it in a broader light of assisting in the operation of a high grade school, which is one of the most important factors in helping to maintain on the field the missionary with a family. It is to be hoped that the Mission and the Board may take this more generous attitude toward the problem involved, realizing that while helping our own missionaries we are also helping the whole missionary movement to solve one of the most troublesome problems of the missionary family.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN.

Report of 1930 Special Delegation

As your Special Delegation to America, and in particular to the Milwaukee Convention of the U.L.C.A., we have already rendered a somewhat detailed report in writing to the members of the Mission. This report dealt with some of the outstanding facts in connection with the undertaking, and embodied the following:

1. A letter expressing our appreciation of the confidence placed in us by the Mission, together with the hope that our efforts may be blessed to the furtherance of the great Cause that we represent.
2. A statement as to the purpose of our going as presented to the Foreign Mission Board and others concerned.
3. A partial list of typical questions asked in interviews with leaders of the home church.
4. Copies of resolutions adopted by the Milwaukee Convention of the U.L.C.A. and the National Lutheran Brotherhood Convention with reference to our appeal and to the Japan work that we represented.
5. A few representative expressions of appreciation that came to us in written form from interested persons.
6. An indication of our appreciation of the courtesies and considerate treatment extended to us by the Foreign Mission Board and its Secretaries.
7. Itemized lists of speaking engagements and personal interviews. These showed that one or both of the members of your delegation spoke at 3 summer schools, 42 churches, 9 theological seminaries, 5 Lutheran pastoral associations, 5 Conventions, and 6 miscellaneous gatherings; and that 105 influential persons in our church were interviewed personally. These figures are only approximate and we know that the actual useful contacts were far in excess of the numbers given. The actual time in America was exactly three months, and the territory covered included 17 states and Canada. Furthermore, the contacts embraced not only the United Lutheran Church but also the United Danish Lutheran Church and the Icelandic Synod.
8. A financial statement both of expenses to and from America and of money received from the Foreign Mission Board on account of deputation work while in America. We have already expressed our appreciation of the generous action of the Board in regard to this latter item, without which the scope of our work would have been very much limited.

We should like now to supplement the report previously rendered by making a brief statement of some of the outstanding impressions that we received while in America, some of which we hope may give us encouragement in these rather trying times, while others we trust may serve as useful suggestions to guide us to a more effective cooperation with the home church and to a more

sympathetic understanding of the great and serious problems that confront the Foreign Mission Board. This statement is necessarily incomplete and we hope to have occasion to supplement it in the way of practical suggestion as occasion offers itself.

1. **Courtesies.** It would be impossible for us to make adequate acknowledgement of the courtesies extended to your delegation by so many people and in so many ways. We found almost everywhere consecrated leaders who are whole-heartedly and intelligently devoted to our Cause, and we wish that we could communicate to each one of you some of the feeling of hopefulness and encouragement that these people imparted to us. Reference has been made to the official resolution of the Milwaukee Convention, but perhaps even more than from this we received much reassurance from the unofficial spontaneous response on the part of a large number of individuals following our presentation on behalf of the foreign Mission Cause and of Japan in particular. The character of the remarks made and the positions of influence of those who made them give us hopes of a renewed interest in many quarters.

Aside from the Milwaukee Convention, we cannot refrain from special mention of a few individuals. In addition to the general recognition of the Board's courtesies, we wish to refer particularly to Dr. Koller, whose cordial reception was far beyond our wildest expectation. He not only put no obstacles in our way, but gave us a free hand to shape our plans and helped and encouraged us in putting them into effect. He spared no time in frankly and fully discussing with us the problems that concern us all. To the President of the United Lutheran Church we owe heartly thanks especially for a frank interview which greatly facilitated our getting a half hour's time for our appeal in the already crowded program of the great Convention. To the editor of the Lutheran, Dr. Melhorn, we are peculiarly grateful for extended interviews at a considerable sacrifice of this time, for the largest measure of publicity that was given to our undertaking, and for a generous offer of space in the colums of the Lutheran for purposes of giving missionary information and inspiration from time to time in the future.

2. **Financial Situation.** As for the financial situation, we were not able to find much encouragement to think that there is relief immediately in sight, though many seem to be confident that a better day for our work is not far off. We were encouraged, however, by being definitely and emphatically assured that our Board has no policy of retrenchment, either expressed or unexpressed. Almost without exception, too, the opinions we heard expressed were to the effect that our own church has not as yet been deeply affected by the current adverse trends in regard to foreign mission policy. The serious curtailment of budgets that we have suffered is attributed primarily to the failure of the church as a whole to

raise its apportionment in full, the usual percentage raised being not much over 60%, and to the necessity of a reorganization of the Board's finances on a more sound basis. With reference to the former point the underlying causes seem to be mainly the extensive building program, the abnormally high standard of living, and more recently the general financial depression. With reference to the Board's situation, a strenuous effort is being made, and with encouraging results, to wipe ou the Board's entire indebtedness before undertaking much more advance work. An encouraging fact was pointed out to us by the Statistical Secretary, Dr. Kieffer, namely, that in the past ten years, with the exception of one year, the unapportioned benevolence has been steadily increasing. This is a sign of healthy growth in the right direction, and these funds to a considerable extent make up for the deficit in the apportionment, especially as it concerns the Foreign Mission Board.

3. **Missionaries.** Our statements with reference to the decrease rather than an increase in the missionary force seemed to come to many as a surprise, and some seemed shocked by the realization of the fact. We found no desire that the number should be decreased. And on the other hand we met interested and well qualified young men in our Seminaries who are available for this service if the need were stressed. Unfortunately, however, the impression has been given in some quarters and even in the Board by some of our own number that an increase of missionary force is not needed in Japan. We should take pains to correct this misunderstanding. We were also very plainly and emphatically assured by Dr. Koller and members of the Board that resignations of missionaries with a view to increasing the budget for work would certainly fail to accomplish their intended purpose.

4. **Missionary Information.** In the course of our work in America it became increasingly apparent that there is a necessity for the Mission to give more careful and thorough attention to the matter of providing the home church with more systematic and accurate information regarding our work and opportunities. We discovered too some of the hitherto practically unused means for the dissemination of this information, of which we may speak more concretely at another time. We got the impression also that people now welcome a reasoned and common sense presentation of facts rather than a sentimental appeal on the basis of the abnormal, and that missionary propaganda must henceforth be given more in a major and less in a minor key. At least one pastor of a church which is supporting a missionary spoke of the depressing effect upon his people's interest caused by discouraging letters written from the field by their missionaries, written no doubt in all sincerity with a view to producing the opposite effect.

5. **Practical Suggestions.** In general discussion with Secretaries

and members of the Board many points that require our serious attention came out in a rather incidental way. Some of these are the following: There is need for a revised comprehensive policy looking to an aggressive development of missionary work as well as of the work of the Japanese church if we hope to sustain a vital interest at home and thereby be enabled to realize the purposes for which we were sent. There is need for a clear definition of the functions and prerogatives of the Mission and of the missionaries as such, and in relation to the Japanese Church. There is need for more thoughtful and accurate statement in the making of our requests to the Board and in the giving of the reasons therefor. There is need for a clearer statement as to the order of precedence in the matter of the various requests made, and for a closer study and correlation of the respective needs of the educational and the evangelistic fields.

In conclusion, we wish again to thank you for this unique opportunity which you have given us to serve our Mission and our Church. It is our confident hope and prayer that this undertaking may not have been a waste of time and energy, but that God will cause to spring up an abundant harvest from the small seeds that have been sown.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. LINN.

S. O. THORLAKSSON.

Institution and Station Reports

Report: Lutheran Theological Seminary, Tokyo Year Ending March, 1931

E. T. HORN, Pres.

STUDENT BODY

The number of admissions to the Seminary in April of 1930 was as follows: 1 post-graduate student, 7 first year preparatory students.

The student body at present is distributed as follows:

Preparatory	Dept.,	1st year	7	students
„	„	2nd year	3	„
Theol.	Dept.	Proper: Juniors	2	„
„	„	„ Middlers	6	„
„	„	„ Seniors	1	student.
		Total	19	students,

beside Mr. N. Koidzumi who, with the consent of the Joint Executive Committee, is taking a year's graduate work before being appointed to regular work as evangelist.

The prospects for the entrance class in April seem good, there being apparently ten applications.

STUDENT AID

The amount of money expended for student aid in 1930-31 was Yen 5,665. Anticipating an increase in numbers, the budget for the coming year for student aid is Yen 7,260. This is a large item, and pastors should feel deeply their responsibility in recommending men to the Seminary; some are so zealous in securing candidates for the ministry that they are in danger of thinking only well of all who apply, and recommendations are too easily secured. The Seminary Faculty is in duty bound to try to maintain a high standard of qualification for entrance, and must at times incur the adverse criticism of our ministers by declining to admit men however earnest who are ill prepared. But the Faculty needs the sympathetic co-operation of all the pastors in an effort to see to it that the quality of the candidates for the ministry is improved.

GIFT TO LIBRARY

In December, 1930, there was forwarded to the Seminary from

the Treasurer of the Mission a gift of $850, designated for the purchase of books for the Library. This generous gift was from the Women's Missionary Society of the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Georgia, of which Mrs. J. A. Linn is President. The needs of the Seminary Library will be carefully studied with a view to investing the gift to the best advantage in books of permanent value, and book plates forwarded by the donors will be placed in the volumes purchased to commemorate the gift. The Seminary herewith acknowledges with much gratification its deep appreciation of this act of generosity.

STAFF

Though the number of students in the Seminary is small, inasmuch as it is necessary to provide for the instruction of five classes, it has long been recognized as a fact that the professors are overburdened with more hours of teaching than they ought to have if they are expected to do really scholarly work. The institution should have another full time teacher, especially for the Preparatory Department. Such a teacher would not have the standing of regular professor; he would teach about eighteen hours, taking mainly English subjects, with logic and philosophy. This would release the professors for more thorough work in the strictly theological subjects. The problem of getting such a teacher is, of course, primarily a financial one; it would require an addition to our budget of about eighteen hundred yen. But the alternative to it, namely of engaging several part-time lecturers, will be almost as expensive and far less satisfactory.

FINANCES

I do not think that a detailed statement of the Seminary indebtedness has ever been made before the Mission, but I think you all should be familiarized with the situation. When the Seminary was built in Tokyo, money was borrowed from the contractor to erect the professors' houses; in 1926, August, the total amount of indebtedness to him was Yen 17,750. Money had been borrowed also from individuals in the mission so that the combined sums owed by the Seminary amounted to about Yen 24,000. By careful attention to expenditures, this indebtedness has been reduced to Yen 14,000. Of this, about Yen 9,000. is still owed to the contractor. This loan consumes Yen 885 in interest, but is considered not unduly burdensome, inasmuch as if we did not have the professors' houses we should have to pay house rent to the extent of Yen 1980 per annum. The interest and refund on the principal which we are making annually appears in our budget under the head of "Rent". The Board has understood this situation for several years, and will, I think, agree that it is working to our financial advantage. My purpose in calling attention to it at this

time is to remind ourselves that a serious cut in our Seminary Budget, such as we suffered this year, renders it impossible for us to make the refund on the loan that we have been accustomed to make, and thus postpones the complete liquidation of the debt. It is to be hoped that the Board will see its way clear to grant the budget we requested for 1931-32.

LAND MATTERS

By an unfortunate slip in the negotiations when the Seminary land was bought six years ago, a plot of 372 *tsubo* (nearly one-third of an acre) jutting right into the middle of the plot purchased was found to be not procurable. After the negotiations for all the rest had been completed, the owner of this piece refused flatly to sell. Everybody thought that he was simply taking advantage of the situation to demand a higher price, but it proved otherwise: the land was part of his patrimony and he claimed that it was a matter of principle with his family never to part with their land. If the Zaidan had had any idea that this particular lot was not procurable it is quite certain that the idea of the purchase of this site for the Seminary would have been abandoned. But it was too late.

With the utmost care not to offend the feelings of the owner, negotiations have been kept up, and now we are creditably informed that he is willing to sell to us at a figure between twenty-five and thirty yen a tsubo. We think he would regard favorably a cash offer of Yen 9,500.

Anyone who knows the situation—the extreme undesirability of having this land under cultivation, bounded as it is on three sides by the Seminary property;—the danger that it might at any time be used for still more offensive purposes than even agriculture;—and the fact that the Seminary actually requires that much more land to complete its originally contemplated area;—anyone, we say, who knows the situation will readily agree that the Seminary simple *must* purchase it, if not now at a moderate figure, then certainly later at perhaps an exorbitant price. Dr. Drach when here saw the land and immediately realized the necessity of securing it. In his report on the Seminary in *1925*, the Dean, Rev. J. P. Nielsen, said: "There is still a plot of about 370 tsubo putting into our grounds which the Zaidan decided to buy as soon as the owner is ready to sell, and it seems that he is now on the point of deciding to sell". It appears that the selling point however has actually taken five years to reach! We cannot afford to let this opportunity go by, can we? As soon as we were assured that the plot was now purchasable, we reported the fact to the Mission Executive Committee, and the Officers of the Mission sent a request by cable to the Board asking permission to negotiate for it at Yen 9,500. The Board replied that there are no funds avail-

able. The urgency of the situation, however, does not warrant our letting the matter drop, and I herewith request the Mission in session to take action asking the Board to authorize the purchase of the land. If the Board cannot appropriate Yen 9,500 for this purpose at the present moment, the necessity of the situation would seem to justify their authorizing the Zaidan to borrow this sum from a bank in Japan, giving a mortgage on 500 tsubo of our present property till such time as the Board would be able to pay. With all the property we own in Japan, this must be considered perfectly safe, and we feel that we would be rightfully to blame for not suggesting this means, if the Board can be induced to appreciate the gravity of the situation.

MAIN BUILDING

The project of the erection of the main building has received the sanction of the Board, but at the same time we are informed that there is no prospect of funds for its execution. Various organizations have been appealed to for aid, but without success. An appeal is being made to the National Luther League of America to undertake it as its objective for the next biennium, and we are encouraged by information that has come recently that they have the question under consideration. Definite plans and estimates have been in the Board's hands for a year; we are advised that the figure originally quoted, Yen 30,000, will still hold good for this summer. It is hardly necessary here to repeat the reasons why the main building is needed; full information regarding it is given in the printed report of 1930, pp. 34-36. We have 20 students now, and expect a net increase of at least five in April. Each additional year adds embarrassment to our already cramped quarters, and each ensuing year makes it harder to justify our lack of progress in material equipment before both Church and public. What was adequate in 1925 for 9 students manifestly will not suffice in 1931 for 25 students. It is to be hoped that the Mission will again express its conviction to the Board and Church at home that the erection of the main building of the Seminary is a matter of utmost importance for the development of our theological education in Japan. Considering the moderate sum for which the building can be erected, it is not asking too much for such an objective, even at the present time of financial stress in the homeland.

SEMINARY EVANGELISTIC WORK

The Seminary conducts three Sunday Schools and preaching places, each under the direction of a professor assisted by several students. The work at Asagaya and at Koenji each carries the status of "kogisho", under the direction of Rev. J. K. Linn and Rev. S. Sato respectively. The work within the Seminary itself has not been recognized as a kogisho, but is conducted under the joint di-

rection of Rev. I. Miura and myself. The Sunday Schools in all three places are in rather flourishing condition; the students deserve much credit for their share in this work. Preaching is carried on in all three places regularly.

This work originated with the idea of giving the students practical experience in S.S. and evangelistic work; but as it has developed the question has arisen whether this is *all* that it should be, whether it should be merely, or even primarily, laboratory work for students, or whether it ought not be made real aggressive and expansive evangelism in the interests of the extension of the Lutheran Church in the Capital and vicinity. It seems to me that this should be our aim. But if so, there comes a point beyond which faculty and students cannot assume responsibility for its propagation and development without giving to it more time than faithfulness to our main business in the Seminary itself appears to warrant. A problem for us to work out in the near future is how to make this work tributary to a carefully constructed plan for progressive evangelism in Tokyo, which seems to us to be the chief need of our Lutheran Church in the Capital.

IN CONCLUSION

Many of the Seminary professors are burdened with responsibilities outside of the institution itself in executive and committee duties in the work of the Church at large. We feel the temptation to ask the Church to relieve us of these as far as possible. At the same time, however, we realize that we cannot expect to escape them altogether, nor would it be well for us if we were so relieved, for through direct contacts with the Church's work of evangelism we are saved from that one-sidedness and theoretical bias which is likely to be the bane of men giving their time entirely to study and teaching. Rather we would gladly take out part as called upon in the wider work of the Church, asking also the sympathetic co-operation of all missionaries and pastors in the solution of our problem of training men for the active ministry of the Lutheran Church in Japan.

Kyushu Gakuin Report

L. S. G. MILLER.

In writing a report for an educational institution for 1930, it is necessary to keep in mind the economic changes that have taken place in the country during the year. It is not necessary to go into detail in regard to these changed conditions, but Japan like all other countries has suffered a great deal in the financial world. Economic conditions have been bad. The percentage of unem-

ployed in the cities has been very high and the farmers all over the country have suffered sadly from low prices and high land rents.

With these conditions prevailing quite generally over the country, there has been a very perceptible falling off in the number of youths applying for entrance to middle school grade institutions. A number even of government middle schools did not get their full quota of students for 1930. The tendency seems to be somewhat away from the middle schools, and more to the vocational schools, commercial, technical, agricultural, etc. In other words to those schools that lead quicker to a calling in life where one can make a living. This being the case, the time may come before many years when we will have to adapt our course to changed conditions and introduce other courses besides the purely literary.

With these conditions, it is not surprising that we must report a falling off in the number of applicants in the spring of 1930. Formerly we had had practically every year twice or more than twice as many applicants as we could take in. This year we had only 160 applicants, the fewest since 1913, and of this number we could take in only 136, whereas we would like to have had at least 145. Then during the course of the year there have been a larger number to drop out from the student body than ordinarily, largely for financial reasons, so that before the close of the school year we had about forty less than for an ordinary year. This, too, has materially cut down our income.

In March we graduated a class of 108, making the total number of our graduates since the opening of Kyushu Gakuin 1284. From this class one entered our Theological Seminary at Tokyo in April, as also another one of our graduates of two years before.

Religious work among students and teachers has been carried on in a number of ways with very encouraging results as has been evidenced by the number attending voluntary Bible Classes and other religious gatherings, especially the daily evening prayer services in the dormitories. At these meetings a fair number of leaders among the students show a spirit of prayer and leadership that predicts well for the future after they have left Kyushu Gakuin. During the year about thirty students and one teacher were baptized in Kyushu Gakuin Church.

In the spring a voluntary Bible Class for our teachers was begun, to be held twice a month in the school, after school hours. Rev. Inadomi is the leader of this study group. It is most encouraging that almost every teacher and clerk enrolled and has been attending quite regularly.

Our school was saddened during the spring by the death of our Treasurer, Mr. Sakata, who had been with us almost continuously from the opening of the school. Mr. Sakata was a good Christian layman, an officer of our Church, and a most valuable

man in many ways. His passing was a real loss. To take up his work we were pleased to be able to get one of our early graduates, Mr. Iwasaki, who has proved himself most efficient in this department. We were glad, too, to have another one of our graduates, Mr. Yoshimura, come to us as a teacher of athletics.

From a material standpoint, one of the most interesting things of the year has been our campaign for funds in Japan for new buildings to celebrate in 1931 the twentieth anniversary of the founding of Kyushu Gakuin. This was carried out largely during the summer and enough was secured to assure the success of the undertaking. We have felt for a long time the need of a library, additional science building and an additional gymnasium building. The Board had promised us Yen 25,000. if a similar amount should be secured in Japan. The Board designated the library as its special building to be known as The Ritter Memorial, in memory of Mr. Ritter, a lawyer of Philadelphia, who gave the money. In Japan we expect to realize about Yen 40,000. from teachers, present students, graduates and the homes from which the students have come. Construction work was begun in the fall by the Tsuji Co. of Fukuoka and all three buildings should be completed by May, 1931. The contract figures including furnishings are approximately: library, Yen 21,000.; science building, Yen 20,500.; gymnasium, Yen 13,500. In addition, to meet the demands of the times, if the money holds out, we plan to construct a swimming pool. Quite a number of middle school grade institutions now have pools so we are not pioneers in this line. On the second floor of the science building we are including a special room for religious work among the students as the need for such a room has been felt for some time. Something of a Y.M.C.A. room.

Kyushu Gakuin Church has made some advances during the past year under the leadership of Pastor Inadomi. One of the most encouraging things has been the decision of the congregation to become self-supporting from October, 1930. This has now been put into effect and means that the congregation has to provide for an annual budget of something over Yen 1,200. as over against the budget of Yen 981. actually raised during the year 1930. This, we believe is a fine step forward and should be an encouragement to our whole Church. During the year there have been thirty-four baptized. The average attendance for the year at Sunday morning services was fifty-six.

The Sunday School of the congregation conducted for children of the neighborhood by some of our teachers has an enrolled membership of 127 with an average attendance of 79. The special Christmas service of the Sunday School always draws a large attendance and creates much interest.

The work of the Women's Society has been carried on during the year most successfully. One devotional meeting and one work

meeting is held each month and much has been done thru these meetings to keep up the interest of the women in the work of the Church. In a practical way, the largest thing done during the year was the contribution of Yen 1,000. to the Kyushu Gakuin building fund mentioned above, and the decision to make an annual contribution of Yen 100. to the congregation's annual budget.

As we look back over the work of the past year, we feel that so much more might have been done, but we realize more than ever the many opportunities God opens up before us in educational work in Japan. In closing we ask for your continued interest and prayers that the work at Kyushu Gakuin may always be blessed to the salvation of many.

(Supplement by G. W. Schillinger)

Our work continues to be a matter of joy for each day brings associations with some of the finest boys there are and brings therefore opportunities to get to them a message which is meant to be more than one of inter-national, even inter-racial, good-fellowship. We consciously aim to give them Christ. We are aware of our weaknesses, and of the Power of the Holy Spirit, even while we are so endeavoring.

The work we do is much the same year after year but each day is a new day for us inasmuch as meeting each boy or each group of boys brings to us this problem or that problem which must be dealt with to the end that good may result, if possible, for God. How can we get this dull lad interested in Christ that his incapacities may be able no longer to keep him down so low and to keep him so hopeless? How can we bring this intelligent boy to accept Christ that his purpose may be to learn of Christ and to use all he learns for Him? Or here is a young athlete, a fine one, but he's not interested in matters of the spirit? What aren't we doing to win him to the race which Paul tells us he ran? These are some of the questions which indicate the nature of our daily problems. And they show to you something which our friendliness to this or that boy doesn't always show to him; that we do desire him for Christ.

Every April a new class enters school, for Japan's schools open then. With the coming of 150 before-unknown lads about twelve or thirteen years of age you may imagine we're wondering how many of them will leave these halls bearing the mark of Christ. Many of these new boys have not heard of Christ. This is true. Most of them know nothing about the name they may have heard somewhere. They must know. So you see the work here is attractive. There are other teachers here who would tell them of him were we not here but that doesn't in the least detract from the pleasure we have in thinking: "We may be the first to tell him

of the Saviour". We may be that one, too, and we have plenty of opportunity to lead lads to Him. How we do pray for that blessing!

May we not be thought to be proud as the world uses the term if we say that we did have the joy of seeing a half a dozen young men of our Bible Class come out for him not long since when they were baptised into Kyushu Gakuin Church. Perhaps this ought not be put in this personal report but we feel God gave us some part in this "harvest". We know he permitted us to aid in the "sowing".

Besides our Sunday Bible Class in the Dayton Boys' Room we have some English Bible classes and many socials in our home. But all these are not our work; they are only agencies whereby our work, preaching, may be done.

Mrs. Schillinger has her part in all our home meetings and in addition has sewing classes and now cooking classes with women. Besides she is mother and school-teacher which in this land is part of a missionary's duties.

Report for the Year 1930—Kyushu Jogakuin

MARION E. POTTS.

This year's report inevitably brings with it a retrospect not only of the past year but of the past five years. For with our first commencement only a few weeks off, we cannot help going back to that April five years ago when we admitted with so much hope and joy our first sixty-nine girls. Even then we began looking forward eagerly to the day five years hence when we would be sending them out from our walls. Then these sixty-nine girls did their best to fill our big building and give the illusion of a great school, but now five classes and over two hundred girls use every room and life is stirring within its walls from 7:30 in the morning (when music lessons begin) until 5 and later in the evening. Fifty-two girls will graduate on March 18, and while only a little over a third are baptized, a vastly larger number are not far from the Kingdom, we believe. And certainly no one of the fifty-two can be the same as if she had never been in our school. Christ certainly means *something* in her life, though the fruit of these years may not appear until many years hence.

A fairly large number of these girls will come back to us for graduate work. We cannot establish our higher department in the manner we wished this year, but without any increase in our budget we can carry on post graduate work for a group of our own girls. Some will go on to colleges and professional schools in

other cities and still others will simply remain at home. One is planning to enter a medical school, another a dental college, two a nurses' training school, while one or two will go on to kindergarten training, and one or two to music.

While Commencement is still in the future, the outstanding memory of the months that have passed is that of our first Young Women's Conference in July. Those three days of study and fellowship together, we pray, will mean much not only to the forty-odd girls in attendance but through them to our whole Church in Japan. We believe a new vision and purpose must have come to our young women at that time.—To witness and serve in a new way in the Church of Christ.

The school Sunday School began in October a branch Sunday School in a village about forty minutes' ride out into the country. The aunt and uncle of one of our girls, though not themselves Christian, are permitting us the use of two of their rooms. Here every Sunday afternoon we have been holding S.S., with two of our fifth year girls acting as teachers. Our own S.S. superintendent organized this school and has also gone out frequently.

My connection with the young women's division of the city W.C.T.U. was continued during this year, too. We helped in the campaign valiantly waged by Mrs. Toyama, wife of the Principal of Kyushu Gakuin, and many other women, both Buddhist and Christian, for the abolition of licensed prostitution in this prefecture, and though the Assembly failed to introduce the bill, the number of petitions for abolition was twice as many this year as last, and so we have fair hopes of success next year. As its own peculiar bit of work, the young women's division sends a temperance magazine for boys and girls to some twenty-five primary schools in the prefecture. All these schools are receiving the magazine at their own request so we feel public sentiment in favor of prohibition is growing.

There is nothing of the spectacular in our work and so we sometimes feel in looking back over a year that nothing in particular has been accomplished, but when we look into the clear eyes of our girls and hear from their lips the expression of ideals that could only be inspired by a love for Christ, or when we sit among a group of women representing all the churches of the city, assembled for the purpose of common intercession with the women of the world, as on February 20, World Day of Prayer, and feel the charm and beauty of their dignified simplicity, the strength of their purpose and the warmth of their faith, a great wave of thankfulness sweeps over us that we are privileged to be ambassadors of Christ in this land.

(Supplement by Martha M. Harder)

The last year has seen several changes in our Music Depart-

ment. Miss Shibuya, who had been with the school from the beginning, was forced to resign because of ill health and in her stead came Mr. Takahashi, who is teaching temporarily until we get a regular licensed music teacher. He is a man advanced in years but young in spirit.

Our private students have increased to 62. The first year class brought several talented girls, who are a joy to teach. The advanced students have been gaining practical experience by taking turns playing for chapel on Saturday when the girls have charge of the worship, also at various other meetings held during the year. Several of the fifth year girls are planning to continue their music by coming back after they graduate. One girl is entering the higher music department at a Methodist College in Nagasaki, since our Higher Department will not be fully organized for a year or two.

The Music Clubs have been active throughout the year. One of them wrote and acted out a play, based on the life of Bach, at one of our public programs. The older girls gained a reputation singing at the Union Christmas program, while the third club, the youngest, have been adding variety and rhythm, if not entire harmony, to our public programs, with their rhythmic band.

Chorus classes are held once a week in the fourth and fifth years, and twice in the lower classes. It is a delight to work with the girls, especially after they know more English and can sing some of the larger Choruses. At present the fifth year girls are working on the "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, to be sung at Commencement, and on an English cantata which will be given at our public program on the 10th of March. We hope to welcome Miss Akard back at that time too.

My Sunday School and church activities continue much as before. Our church choir has increased in membership but has not yet reached its goal of singing a special anthem once a month. There is such a hunger for music, especially among the young men, who have not had the privilege of musical instruction in the school, as the girls have. However from April on the Educational Department is requiring music in the Boys' Schools as well.

Last Spring I organized a Light Brigade from among the children in the neighborhood, who come to our Sunday School. We have been meeting once a month. It is encouraging to see that some of the girls, who came at first only for the sake of the Light Brigade, are now coming to Sunday School as well. None of the girls are as yet baptized but I am hoping that some day they may all be called Christ's very own.

One of the pleasant experiences of the past year was the music hour, which I had with the girls at the Young Women's Congress. We had an hour each morning learning English as well as Japanese songs. One hour was also spent on the liturgical service of the

Lutheran church, which hardly any two churches sing alike here in Japan. The girls were enthusiastic about learning to sing it correctly and I am hoping their enthusiasm will help to make others realize the beauty and significance of our Lutheran service. Oh that we might overcome more of the indifferent singing in our churches. Sung with sincerity and feeling even a stranger can't help catching the appeal to worship that lies in our service.

Ji-Ai-En Report

GRACE M. BEERS.

We have chosen to divide this year's report into three headings, —namely, Body, Mind, and Soul.

BODY.

"Do you really think that the village people will enter their babies?" This was the question ever on our hearts and tongues as we prepared to launch our first Better Baby Show at the Ji-Ai-En last May. But after requests kept coming in until the desired number was reached, and when we had to refuse a great many applications for admission, we felt as the disciples must have felt when Christ rebuked them for their lack of faith. The welfare of the babies and the children in the surrounding villages has been on our minds and hearts for a long time, and through these Better Baby Shows, we hope to be able to do something constructive along the health line. Our present plan, which has the approval of the doctors from the Children's Department of the local University Hospital, who kindly examined the babies for us, is that last year's group will continue for a period of five years, coming once a year for a thorough physical examination, and being kept in touch with at other times through special health meetings, through the distribution of health tracts, through regular visitations in the homes, and so forth. Each year we are planning to start a new group of babies, and these groups, too, will continue for a period of five years. Thus this year there will be two groups, next year three, the year after that four, and in 1934 there should be five different groups coming here for physical examinations. From that time on, since one group will graduate each year, the number will remain at five. The best five babies were given medals at last year's Baby Show. The moving pictures which were taken of the babies proved quite interesting, and were quite a drawing card so far as the village people were concerned. Last fall, Dr. Fukuda, a fine Christian doctor living here in Kumamoto, who was given special resognition by the Emperor several years ago, spoke to the mothers of

this first group, and gave them a fine talk not only on the needs of the body, but also on the proper development of the spiritual life. After my return from furlough next year we hope to be able to secure the services of a good children's doctor, so that we can have a children's clinic at least once a month.

Upon the request of Miss Potts, the Ji-Ai-En nurse and I have been giving this year's graduates at the Janice James Girls' School a lecture and practical demonstration course in Home Nursing. We included such work as bathing a bed patient; taking temperature, pulse, and respiration; how to make and to apply various kinds of plasters, poultices, and compresses; general bandaging; what to do in case of emergencies, and so forth. The girls themselves seemed quite interested, and we ourselves have appreciated the opportunity to teach them something which we hope will prove quite practical and useful.

Considering the size of our group here, we really have been very fortunate so far as serious illness is concerned. We did have sieges of the measles, the whooping cough, and the influenza during the past year, but practically all were light cases. Last spring and summer, the Ji-Ai-En children were all given thorough physical examinations, and we were gratified to learn that no serious defects were found. The children's teeth were also examined by the Ji-Ai-En dentist.

The cows, we are glad to report, are all quite well. Also the chickens.

Ten people have been admitted to the Old People's Home since last April, and six have died during the year. At the present time we are caring for thirty-one people in the Old Peoples' Home, and in order to accommodate this number we have been forced to use a shack formerly occupied by Misao San (a mental deficient case), and also an old chicken coop.

MIND.

From the beginning of the new school year we will have twenty children in the Primary and Higher schools. They are grouped as follows:

1st grade	3	6th grade	2
2nd grade	3	"Kotoshogakko" 1st year	1
3rd grade	3	"Kotoshihan" 2nd year	2
4th grade	1	"Kyushu Jogakuin"	
5th grade	2	2nd year	3

We will also have five of our children in the Ji-Ai-En kindergarten and nursery school.

So far as grades are concerned, the Ji-Ai-En children are not all first in their class. Our aim, however, is not to make scholars of them all, but so to prepare them that each one will be able to

make his or her own living, and be respectable citizens of this land. Even in the accomplishing of this we see difficulties ahead, but we are not "crossing our bridges until we come to them!"

SOUL.

So far as spiritual progress is concerned, we are glad to report that since last May Ishimatsu San has been conducting church service here for us each Sunday afternoon. Some few village people attend, but we hope for a larger number in the future. However, even just counting those who attend from within the institution, we have an audience of almost forty.

The three Ji-Ai-En girls who attend the Girls' School were confirmed the Sunday before Christmas last year, and one of our babies was baptized at the same time.

The Christmas program given by our Sunday School pupils was well attended, and we feel that a real Christmas message was given.

The seed which is being planted in the hearts of the village children, and of the Ji-Ai-En children, will, we know, bear fruit in later years, for that work which God has started, He will not afterwards forsake. We pray that each one of us here at the Ji-Ai-En may become more and more zealous in seed planting for His vineyard.

(Supplement by Mary Heltibridle)

CRONK MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY SCHOOL.

The fact that the Cronk Kindergarten continues to have a capacity enrollment of forty children with usually a waiting list proves that it is a welcome institution in Kengun Mura. This past year considerable equipment has been added to last year's meagre supply, and teaching methods have gradually been improving. The two teachers of last year are still with us. This year the graduating class will number twenty-two. Komai San, the assistant teacher has been doing fairly successful work with last year's graduating class. She has organized a Light Brigade which meets monthly, and aside from that she is making earnest efforts to have each graduate come to her weekly Sunday class.

The Nursery School announces an enrollment of eleven and is quite proud of that number, even though but three of these children are from village homes and the rest from the Colony of Mercy. Our neighbors still doubt our ability to teach anything to children as young as two years old, but the few mothers who have been brave enough to give us a try have seemed pleased enough to urge their neighbors to send their children to us. Since the Nursery School was opened, a year and a half ago, we have had children from seven village homes, and all but one of these

children have stayed with us until they were old enough to be promoted to the kindergarten. Our most efficient head teacher left us at Christmas time, and her place is being taken by a widow with three children who was badly in need of a position which would enable her to support herself and her children. Nomoto San, the assistant teacher, is to be sent to Lambuth this year for a three years' course in kindergarten training. Her successor will likely be another of our Lutheran girls who is a candidate for a scholarship in some kindergarten training school.

The Fathers' Club of the Cronk Kindergarten and Nursery School has continued with a fair degree of success, and at Christmas time the fathers gave us a donation of thirty yen to be used for trees and grass for the kindergarten grounds. The Mothers' Club has been having a smaller attendance than that of last year, but these mothers have been most faithfully giving us both financial and moral support. At Christmas their donation was a set of very good instruments for our kindergarten orchestra.

Tokyo Social Service Report

A. J. STIREWALT, Superintendent.

HOME FOR THE AGED (Tokyo Fu).

This Home is now in the eighth year of its existence, and continues to minister to needy persons who appreciate what is done for them. These aged people are content and there are practically no difficulties in the administration of the Home, as far as the inmates are concerned. It is a pleasure to work for such people.

At the beginning of the year, there were 19 persons in the Home. During the year 1 died and 5 others entered, making at the end of the year, a family of 23 persons besides the matron and a helper. The cooking is done by two of the inmates who are given a nominal remuneration. A surprisingly large amount of vegetables are raised on the Home grounds. The cost per person, per month, including every item of expense connected with the Home was Yen 10.53.

A Christian service is held every morning, and every Thursday morning, either Rev. Honda, or I, conduct a weekly service. Most of those in the Home have been baptized into the Christian faith, and none of the others have any connection with any other religion, while all are favorably disposed towards Christianity.

The Yokufukwai, a semi-government organization, several years ago built a large and well equipped home for the aged not so far from our Home, and are caring for about 450 persons, with accommodations for about 350 more. Recently I questioned one of

the prefectural officials as to the need for the continuance of our Home, in view of their provision for aged people. He replied that he hoped that we would continue, and explained that we, with a small number, could care for people in a way that they could not, where the number is so large. A short time after this, the governor of Tokyo prefecture, in addressing a number of representatives of social work who had been called to the prefectural hall to receive gifts from the Empress, urged them not to do their work in a merely formal manner, but to follow the example of Christians who do such work through sympathy and love.

The building which we received from the city, immediately after the earthquake disaster in 1923 was intended to meet an emergency of a temporary nature, and was never intended to be used so long. If finances could be provided to replace the present building with one that would better meet the comfort and needs of the inmates, it would be a wise expenditure of funds. Better provision should be made for this work.

The total expenditure for the year was Yen 3,159.30, of this amount, Yen 600. was received from the city, prefecture, imperial household, department of home affairs, and keifukwai; Yen 500. from the Empress; Yen 112.25 from various gifts; and Yen 1,947.05 from the Mission Board.

The Sunday School conducted in the Home, for the children of the neighborhood, has an attendance of 40 children who are taught by 5 teachers.

BETHANY HOME (Tokyo).

During 1930, there were in the Home an average of 25 widows with their 45 children. Considering this number of people, together with their economic limitations, we would naturally expect problems to arise, and they do arise. These problems have been accentuated because of the national economic depression. However, only a small percentage of these women have been without work. But when we consider the wages received by even those who have permanent work, we wonder how any one can support herself and children on such a small amount.

Since the readjustment of the streets which required the shifting of our buildings, the light and sanitary condition of many of the rooms are extremely unfortunate, so much so that many of the rooms can not be occupied. This accounts for a smaller number of families than formerly. From a commercial standpoint, the readjustment of our lots has added value to them, even though they are about 9% smaller than before, but from the standpoint of utility for our purpose, there has been much loss. If funds were available, our way would be clear to sell the rear lot, and buy a larger one elsewhere, either moving our present buildings there, or better still, build new and more suitable ones. In such a case, we

should retain the front lot with its building for kindergarten and meetings, with the hope that work in the neighborhood would result in the establishment of a congregation. Another way to improve the present conditions would be to tear down the present buildings and rebuild with the same material in a way that would give advantage, on the present lot. This could be done for about Yen 3,000., but when done would still be far from ideal. It is really a question if we should continue this work, unless we are able to remedy the housing situation.

From the beginning, we have hoped for a Japanese resident pastor, to work in the community. The community consists largely of slums, and the work is difficult, but we have responsibility, and should meet it.

The day nursery which is intended to care for children under kindergarten age, while their mothers are at work, has had an average of 5 children.

The Sunday School has an enrolment of 70 children and 4 teachers. A little more than half of these children come from the community.

The kindergarten has had, during the year, a total attendance of 128 children. 27 graduated in April, and 86 new ones entered. At the end of the year there were 85 in attendance. There are two regular teachers, and one helper. The mothers of the children have, since Spring, shown an increased interest, and attend mothers' meetings more than formerly. Occasional meetings for graduates are well attended.

The total expenditure for Bethany Home during the year was Yen 6,362.93. Of this amount Yen 600. was received from Tokyo City, Tokyo prefecture, the Imperial Household, the Department of Home Affairs, and the Keifukwai; Yen 500. from the Empress; Yen 29.79 as income from the day nursery; Yen 920.55 from the kindergarten; Yen 742.35 from room rent and fees from the inmates of the Home; and Yen 3,580.24 from the Mission Board.

The coming of Miss Annie Powlas near the end of the year is accompanied with new possibilities. This being a work for women and children, her presence in the Home should have a constructive effect in a number of ways. The work of the day nursery might be enlarged and made to admit children from the community. There is an opportunity among the kindergarten mothers, as well as among the mothers and children of the Home, and of course, with her qualifications for kindergarten work, she will undoubtedly give tone to that. As long as the housing situation is unsettled, plans for the future are necessarily more or less indefinite.

Tokyo Social Service

ANNIE POWLAS.

(Note: This is a special report rendered in accordance with the action of the Mission found in the 1930 Minutes, pp. 73-74, item 37).

There is but very little news in this report for Mr. and Mrs. Stirewalt, for they have very patiently, from time to time, listened to all that is in it. And to much more. So please extend to them a word of sympathy. And I hereby extend to them my heartiest thanks for all their kindness.

My report will be confined principally to Honjo, for most of my time has been spent in connection with that work and a study of the Social Service Work in Tokyo.

Old People's Home. I made only a running visit to our Old Peoples' Home, and from there visited the Government Home for the Aged. Coming up the drive way, through the fields, to those wonderful concrete buildings, surrounded by many cottages, I said to Yoshihara San, the nurse with me: "I shall not worry longer about getting old, with a place like this I can go to."

The principal of the institution, a visitor and friend of the Ji-Ai-En, took great pleasure in showing us through. As we went through the buildings and saw the nurses and doctors caring for the sick in the well-furnished infirmary, went in and out the nice little cottages, with a caretaker in charge of each, we couldn't help but make a comparison with our poor little barrack building.

Honjo Work. To be picked up from the sunny fields of the Ji-Ai-En and dropped among the smoke-stacks of Honjo, was certainly a shock to my nerves to say the least and my way seemed rather smoky. Tokyo has changed so completely since the earthquake, with its concrete streets everywhere, and its fine big buildings on every corner, that I found myself completely lost. Even though I had lived here two years, ten years ago, I had very few land marks, but by the kind help of those in charge and other friends, much of the smoke has cleared away.

One look at the Widows' Home made my heart ache, and, even though it was Sunday, I found myself trying to plan with Mr. Stirewalt how we could tear down those two old houses, and rebuild on the same lot; making an inside court to let in a little sunlight.

When the city widened the streets the houses were moved over until there is only about five feet between the two houses, both of which are two stories high. All along the back our neighbors have built so close that rooms are perfectly dark, even though the sun is shining outside. Out of the thirty-two rooms the sun shines in only twelve. Three other rooms get a faint ray, for a

very short while during the day, certain times of the year.

With such darkness of rooms, the lot three feet lower than the street, (caused by the street being raised after we built) and the sanitary conditions inside many feet below standard, one wondered what kind of impression we might be making as Christians on the community, and how the poor women inside could stand it.

To understand Honjo's needs and the real problem of our work, I thought it was better to live right on the grounds for a while at least. Mr. Stirewalt kindly consented. So I became a widow and moved into one of the 4½ mat rooms.

From the very first night I began to know actual conditions, with the rats as big as kittens running all over my bed, great holes cut in the closets, and the rats running in and out over the rooms, women, and children as they wished. The first night we set traps we caught four and in a short time the number had reached twenty.

Between the rats, the earthquakes, and the fire wagons tearing by every night, I didn't know whether I would be able to stand it. But soon the rats learned manners, and I learned that fires were a part of Honjo, and that I could often watch the fire from my bed. If the sparks were flying away from us, my neighbour would assure me there was no danger, so in a little while I was asleep again.

Knowing that in the minds of some, it was a question whether we should continue a Widows' Home, I tried to find out what others thought of the importance of such a home. The very first day after I moved to Honjo I asked the kindergarten teachers what they thought of the need of a Widows' Home. They said if it was carried on in a Christian way there was a great need.

During the National Social Service Convention held in November, one afternoon's session was given over to a discussion of the of Widows' Homes. The consensus of opinion was that Widows' Homes are essential and that we must have more. Miss Tokunaga, who has charge of this part of social service, said we must not stop but make our home larger and better.

Miss Oguri, in the Social Service Department at St. Luke's Hospital, said she hoped some day we might have the mother's allowance law in action and maybe then we would not need Widows' Homes, but she doubted it such a condition would come in our lifetime.

Afterwards I spoke to Mr. Oka, the head of the Social Service Bureau of Tokyo Prefecture, asking him what he thought of the need of Widows' Homes if the mothers' allowance law was passed. He said there would still be a great need for there were so many problems connected with such a home, that money could not solve.

As I have worked along with the mothers this winter seeing how very hard it is to find work, and keep it; knowing the early

hours they must leave home and the late hours of return, doing their cooking, washing, and mending at night; seeing how helpless they are when a child gets sick, having to stop work and thereby their bread; seeing how many hours their children are left to run loose on the streets; I am convinced that a real Christian home is essential. To show the need, here are the stories briefly of a few of the women in the home.

Yagi San, a mother with two children, for more than half the winter would have work a day, and then two or three days no work, her average wage nine Yen. Last month was a good month for her. After paying her rent, light, etc. she had eight Yen left to feed her family. The story goes that her baby took a cold, went into pneumonia, and lay there in the home for days with a temperature of 39 plus, and no money to buy ice, the room so dark that the mosquitoes bit the baby even in the day-time, no money to buy a net or "senko" to burn. Her having to stop work left them very hungry. Her remark to me was. "Ah, Sensei, if you had been here when my baby was sick."

Koyanagi San, a basket seller, has one child. She often walks all day and makes four or five sen. She says her average wage is about five Yen per month in the winter and nine in the summer.

Nakata San, a mother with four children. Father died with T. B. Her three year old child had whooping cough and took a bad cold. The mother, having to go to work at six o'clock every day, left her child in the hands of Tori San, (who has an idiot daughter) paying her ¥2.50 per month to care for her child. Last fall when I insisted that all the children in the home be brought into the kindergarten or nursery, this little skin and bones was carried in by the mother. One look told me it was T. B. What little milk she could drink now couldn't help. Because the child had tuberculosis no hospital would take her in, and to care for her there in that dark room with not a ray of sunlight was terrible. I often thought of the lovely hospitals for tubercular patients in America and found myself wishing for the sun-porch at the Ji-Ai-En.

Nakano T. B. hospital with a waiting list of five hundred, touched by the story of a foreigner, made exception to their rule (which is waiting at least two and a half months) and took the child in. As soon as the doctor saw her he said it was too late. She lived two weeks.

Another little girl in their family with eyes already white and milky, going blind for the lack of food. With eighty sen a day, and five to feed, having to stop out of work day after day to care for her sick children, in spite of pawning her clothes, the mother never had enough to buy milk and proper food.

Tori San receiving two Yen fifty per month for caring for the T. B. child, fifteen Yen for caring for a five year old child from

outside the home, while she led her idiot child around from place to place, made her living. The father of the five year old became disgusted when he found his boy almost eaten up with itch and took him away. The T. B. child died, we got the idiot daughter into a Christian home for feeble minded and the mother was left without a job or income. But she has work now.

Haneda San, a mother with two children has just entered the home. Her husband borrowed money to go into business—he failed—sold his two older daughters to pay the debt. Older one for 950 Yen, the younger one for 250 Yen. Their terms of service are 5 years each. The father a few weeks later was hurt by an auto and is helpless in a hospital. The mother is left without name or money, with two smaller children and herself to support. By working until about eleven o'clock at night she makes about fifty sen. The older daughters have run away. The younger one's master found her, and she had to promise to pay her one hundred Yen debt (after having served two years) while through the social service organizations the free clinic must furnish the medicine to repair her wrecked body.

Certainly such cases as these call for more personal interest and help on our part. All the people in the home do not have such hard roads, some of them have good jobs and are able to support their children with ease.

Five new families have come into the home since Christmas, and we now have forty-eight children in the home. A splendid opportunity every day to train real Christian character.

If more sympathetic individual evangelism could be done in the home among the mothers, I see no reason why more of the godshelves might not be taken down. One mother returned her gods in February, but for lack of proper guidance she spent several miserable nights in fear as to whether she had taken the right steps.

To do effective Christian work in Honjo there must be a better relation between the Widows' Home and the kindergarten. If there could be a working together there on the part of teachers, the matron of the home taking a vital interest in the mothers of the kindergarten, I see no reason why these mothers, many of whom come from very nice homes, could not be led to feel that the helping with this home is a part of their social service. Already this winter they have helped several times to find work for some of the women. In making beds for the kindergarten children they gladly furnished the money for the beds for our children in the home and made them.

Two mothers were perfectly willing and offered their services every day to help with the cooking of free lunches for the poor children whom the Social Service Bureau furnished the money to feed.

The mothers of the kindergarten gave and prepared a thanksgiving dinner for about one hundred and fifty very poor children of the neighbourhood and gave bunches of vegetables and fruit to all our people in the Widows' Home. They helped with money for the Christmas celebration. They have given one hundred and forty Yen for lunch boxes and the beds, besides all their work of washing the flour sacks and making the "futon". But best of all one mother formed such a habit of coming to the kindergarten to work that she comes to our Christian service almost every Sunday.

It certainly seems reasonable to expect more help from Tokyo for such work as we are doing. Work of exactly the same nature is being done in Yotsuya by Christians, having a Christian service with the women every evening. Their buildings were given to them, and a budget of 13,000 Yen every year is given. They have a club of 300 members who give about half the amount and the remainder is given by the different government and social service organizations of Tokyo. I asked the woman in charge why there was such a difference in the amount given to their home and to ours. Her reply was she was sure once the city realized we were in earnest, as badly as they needed Widows' Homes, the money for the support would come.

Certainly there must be a better relation built up with the city social service agent in Honjo. Because of so much complaint on the part of the people in the home and repeated failure on their part to solve the problem, they refused to include us on their charity list longer. I went to find out the trouble and they gave me anything but a pleasant report of the inside management of the home. I apologized for our failure and begged their continued favour. About ten Yen in food tickets was given this last week again.

To bring about the proper relation with the city and the community around us and win back the confidence of the Social Service Bureau, the standard of our work must be raised.

Echoes From the Public. An official high up in the City Social Service Bureau said to Dr. Kagawa: "That Widows' Home in Honjo is like the slums. The home with narrow passage-ways is like the old tunnel houses." Dr. Kagawa said, "It's a disgrace to the Lutheran Mission." A police-man who had lived here by us for years, transferred across to another station in Honjo, one night when I inquired the way, asked me where I lived. When I told him, he said: "Ah! The unhappiness of that place! The problems I have helped solve there!"

When we went to the office of the Home Department to ask for help to rebuild, one man there said he had seen our work, that the conditions were terrible, and it was pitiful to have women living as we had them in our home.

As Mr. Stirewalt has often said, our buildings were built for an emergency to begin with, and then the widening of the streets added to their misery—A work that was fine in its day but has not kept pace with the times.

While much improved work could be done in the buildings we have, can we as Christian workers continue in such quarters? With on the one side of us the city's modern concrete kindergarten and nursery building (a nurse in charge of the babies and the doctor making weekly examinations of the children), on another side a nice day nursery and settlement work with a possibility of adding mothers' homes; both of these places only two car stops away from our place. On the other side of us the Dojunkwai (a foundation established for the purpose of furnishing small dwelling houses to the sufferers of the great earthquake) with its many modern convenient apartments, and to the other side, just back of us, another pretty apartment house with 300 families, with day nurseries and everything complete except a place for babies (and they are planning to begin this work also).

Often in trying to plan the future for our work this winter we have wondered whether we should continue our Widows' Home in a location so well taken care of, and have made many efforts to find another location. But with our good kindergarten there, the possibilities of building on to the work already started, and establishing a church, and the convenience to the mothers in getting work, all things considered, we seem to come back to our old place in spite of the smoke. And then too, all around us there are hundreds of children no one is caring for, living in tiny dark houses. A health nurse could find plenty to do.

Since fall we have been hunting for a good nurse to live in the home, help in the nursery, take care of our own children, and do health work in the community, a person with ability to link up with work already being done. A trained teacher or at least a woman with some education should be put in the nursery.

If a real nursery school could be started, taking proper care of our own little children and at the same time helping Honjo and Tokyo to get started in nursery school work, it would be fine.

Miss Forsyth, a social service teacher in Columbia University, who is a member of the Fact Finding Commission here in Japan, in answer to my question as to what she thought of the day nursery work in Japan said, as yet there is nothing educational about them for the child, they are simply checking places for children; that here in Tokyo she had seen only one that promised to be what we call a nursery school.

Japan is beginning to talk nursery school now. The head of the Social Service Bureau of Tokyo Prefecture is very anxious to link up our work with the work in the apartments back of us in

Honjo, hoping that we may put in a real nursery school. He said it would be so fine for the work there.

In the big room over the kindergarten a children's library with regular hours could be added to the beginnings of the one we have started, trying to bring back our kindergarten graduates to their old home, and giving our own children good reading and training in care of property. Many clubs could be arranged around this work.

St. Luke's Hospital has promised to let our kindergarten teachers visit their clinics freely and will permit us to attend any lecture on nutrition and child care we have time to—and no fee charged.

A child's specialist in the Tokyo University Hospital has promised to help with the health side of our children's work, and will take into their free beds our sick children, the number being limited to two at one time.

So with a health nurse added to the establishment, she, with the good kindergarten teachers who are there (and other teachers who could profitably be added), together with the interested parents, should be able to do a good piece of work.

The apartments back of us asked if we could take in five babies for them until they could get their place started. If we could arrange to do them this favour, and do the work well, it would mean much to build up a good relation there, and it is quite possible that they would turn that side of the work over to us.

In asking for a piece of land just back of us, owned by the Dojunkwai, they said if they could say our work was for their apartments there they could perhaps give us the land. At any rate to put in our request telling what we hoped to use the land for and they would consider it. The committee decided this request for land should be made, and at the same time a request for money to rebuild.

In February some changes were made in their rules or organization which makes it impossible for the Dojunkwai to give land unless it is to be used for their apartment people.

However, their word of last week, is that we are to make a request for land giving them a tentative plan of our work. And they will decide what they can do for us. If we have to buy the land, they will give us 15 years to pay for it. We are also advised by the Head of the Tokyo Prefectural Office to put in a request for money. There is plenty of land around us we can buy for 60 or 70 Yen per tsubo, but the money has to be all paid at once.

The Head of the Social Service Bureau of Tokyo Prefecture is using his influence to try to link up our work in Honjo with the Dojunkwai apartments there, in such a way that we may get our land at a very reasonable rate. (This doesn't mean we have to take the land even though they should give it). He is quite anxious for

us to have a real nursery school there. He is trying to bring about more cooperation between government social service and Christian work, and is using his influence wherever the opportunity presents itself. But so long as our work is below the standard of the city work they certainly will not care to link up with us.

So to say nothing of our responsibility as Christians to lift the burden of these women whose load is heavy and the way of life dark, as Christian workers dare we continue with present conditions?

Fukuoka "New Life Hall" (Shinsei Kwan)

(Office for Newspaper and Correspondence Evangelism.)

C. E. NORMAN.

The Fukuoka New Life Hall was the second newspaper and correspondence evangelism office established in Japan. In March, 1931, it will complete ten years of service. During the past ten years the increase of offices has been ten fold; there are 20 officers now affiliated in the Japan Christian News Agency. It is our purpose to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary by issuing a special number of "New Life" and to publish a report covering the ten years of our history.

We are thankful to God for His blessings upon our efforts during 1930. The following statistics will indicate, as far as figures can, results during 1930:

Applications for free tracts (6 men to 1 woman)	1,923
Applicants joining the reading club (14.7% of above) (3.6 men to 1 woman)	283
Books lent to reading club members	2,413
Baptisms reported to the office	23
Total publication of "New Life" (monthly)	38,950
Total sales of "New Life"	342
Total sales of literature	916

It may be remarked that, compared to the figures for 1929, the above are lower, except for gains in sales of "New Life" and literature. This is due, perhaps, to a smaller budget and to the prevailing financial stringency.

A tabulation of the sources of applicants reveals that 71% came thru the newspaper, 12% thru friends' introductions, 14% thru the News Agency (inquiries from Mentholatum directions and the *Kingdom of God Newspaper*), and 3% from undetermined sources. As heretofore the great majority were from Kyushu (86.7%), of which 53.3% were from Fukuoka Prefecture.

Of the 23 baptisms reported 3 were performed by Presbyterian-Reformed pastors and 5 by Lutheran pastors.

Our monthly paper, "New Life", was distributed as follows:

Free to our applicants	15,432
To our reading club members and subscribers	6,426
Sold to others for distribution	16,784

The last item above indicates that "New Life" continues to commend itself to others as a good evangelistic medium. We made a reprint (10,000 copies) of an article contributed by Dr. E. T. Horn, Principal of our Lutheran Seminary, entitled "The Mystery of Pain".

The manager is a member of the local Kingdom of God Movement committee, as the office is cooperating in this nation-wide evangelistic effort. We subscribed to 350 copies of the weekly, *Kingdom of God Newspaper*, of which number 216 were taken by local churches and 104 by our members.

A Total of ¥4,151 was expended. Contributions from Lutheran sources amounted to ¥1,934.88 (¥1,650 from the Mission budget and ¥170 from Lutheran missionaries). The Reformed Church contributions amounted to ¥1,060.31, office contributions to ¥41.59, and honoraria for correcting English papers to ¥196.50. Total: ¥3,233.28.

The Joint Committee has considered the proposition of our building a small library, reading room and office building, to cost about ¥4,000, on our Lutheran Mission home lot, to be paid for by the annual rent allowance. The building could be fully paid for within five years, provided the present budget were maintained and a reserve fund of ¥2,000, held since the establishment of the office, were used. When we consider that ¥5,328 will have been paid out in rent during our ten years of history, we think the proposition is a reasonable one. Temporary plans and estimates are being submitted to the two Missions for consideration and recommendation to the two Boards. If the project is sanctioned the construction would be postponed until my return from furlough in the fall of 1932.

Evangelistic Station Reports in Brief

Edited by E. T. HORN.

TOKYO

Associate Missionaries, The Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Mrs. Stirewalt.

Okubo Church: Pastor, The Rev. D. Honda.

Resident communicant membership, 114.

Accessions during past year, 12.

Sunday-School children, 140.

This congregation has declared its intention of becoming self-supporting from May 1931.

It conducts a self-supporting kindergarten with commendable success.

Ebara Church: Pastor, The Rev. K. Matsuoka.

This is an aided church with 26 resident communicant members, and 59 Sunday-School children. In spite of many discouragements, the pastor is working faithfully to build up the church, and the future is considered promising.

Honjo Preaching Place:

Regular preaching is conducted Sunday morning and evening by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt assisted by Rev. I. Miura and Seminary students, in the Kindergarten Room of Bethany Home.

Asagaya Kogisho:

Under the direction of the Rev. J. K. Linn, assisted by Seminary students. Regular Sunday morning service and Sunday-School. This work has continued for over five years and is considered ripe for the appointment of a Japanese pastor. The Sunday-School is hopeful. The right kind of Japanese pastor could probably build up a self-supporting church here in a few years. The location of this work, near, as it is, to our Seminary, would afford a natural church home for the students.

Koenji Kogisho:

Under the direction of the Rev. S. Sato, assisted by Seminary students. Sunday-School, and preaching service in the evening. The S.S. has an attendance of about 40.

Theological Seminary:

Regular service Sunday morning under the joint direction of Rev. I. Miura and Rev. E. T. Horn, and Sunday-School conducted by Seminary students. The S.S. has an attendance of 58.

NAGOYA

Associate Missionaries: The Rev. A. C. Knudten and Mrs. Knudten.

Chikusa Church: Pastor, The Rev. K. Hirai.

The purchase of a very desirable site and erection of a small but carefully planned chapel and kindergarten room marks a new advance in this work. There have been 124 baptisms since the inception of the work in Nagoya fifteen years ago.

Resident communicant membership, 30.

Sunday-School attendance, 85.

The church has a very active Ladies' Aid Society.

The kindergarten has been recognized by the Government and is doing good work under the general direction of Mrs. Knudten.

Ozone Kogisho: Evangelist, Mr. Y. Takase.

This work is only two years old; in that time four have been baptized. There are 7 members, and 35 children in the S.S. The future is hopeful, but equipment is sorely needed.

Rural Work: Conducted by Rev. A. C. Knudten with lay assistance along a line thirty miles to the town of Asuke. Seed-sowing by preaching and the distribution of literature.

KYOTO—OSAKA—FUKUSHIMA

Associate Missionaries: The Rev. C. W. Hepner and Mrs. Hepner.

Kyoto Church: Pastor, the Rev. T. Yonemura.

This church continues its excellent work.

Resident communicant membership, 61.

Accessions in the past year, 28.

Enjoys the reputation of having the best Sunday-School in Kyoto.

An excellent piece of property adjacent to the church is available for purchase and should by all means be acquired, as the church and S.S. have outgrown the present accommodations.

Osaka Church: Pastor, the Rev. K. Takimoto.

Present resident communicant membership, 56.

Accessions during the year, 13.

Satisfactory and steady growth.

Osaka Kogisho (West): Pastor, the Rev. T. Tsuboike.

The location of this work is unsatisfactory. It will likely be closed and the pastor be located in a more favorable place in Osaka.

Osaka (Fukushima): Evangelist, Mr. S. Utsumi.

This station has been re-opened, and the work is to be reorganized with the return of a number of old members.

KOBE

Associate Missionaries: The Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, Mrs. Thorlaksson.

East Kobe Church: Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, Pastor, assisted by Rev. R. Saito.

Begun but one year ago, this work has shown phenomenal growth. It is now organized as an aided church with a charter ~~communicant~~ membership of 56. It stands as an encouraging proof that the usefulness of the evangelistic missionary has not abated.

There are 32 children in the Sunday-School.

West Kobe (Nagata): Pastor, Rev. H. Aoyama.

28 communicant members; 3 baptized in the past year; 60 enrolled in the Sunday-School.

HIROSHIMA

Associate Miss'y: Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.

Pastor: The Rev. H. Ouchi.

Accessions in the year, 6.

Sunday-School enrollment, 34.

Resident communicants, 6.

Faithful work is being done here, but the field is new and progress slow.

SHIMONOSEKI and NORTH KYUSHU FIELD

Associate Missionaries: The Rev. J. A. Linn and Mrs. Linn.

Shimonoseki Church: Pastor, the Rev. Y. Yoshida.

Accessions in past year, 6.

In spite of a good church building, the work makes little progress . It is felt that the erection of a parsonage on the church lot may aid the pastor in attracting persons to the church.

Moji Church: Pastor, the Rev. C. Kishi.

This congregation has had an infusion of new life. There were 6 baptisms in the past year. In connection with the work there are 3 Sunday-Schools with 110 children. Regular seed-sowing and concentrated personal work augur future growth.

Yawata Kogisho: Pastor, the Rev. T. Kawase.

A change of location has improved attendances and possibilities. There were 7 accessions during the past year. 3 Sunday-Schools with 107 children.

In this congested industrial city some form of social work is required as a basis for the evangelistic work.

Naogata Church: Pastor, the Rev. S. Takashima.

An increase of 16 members in the past year.

Large and vigorous Sunday-School.

The pastor's personal work with young men is very effective. The influence of his open home too is an outstanding feature of his work.

Kanezaki Kogisho: Conducted as an outpost from Naogata by the Rev. S. Takashima.

In general the work is rather static, but is deserving of more attention than is at present possible. The work among children is hopeful, there being 134 children enrolled in the S.S.

HAKATA

Associate Missionaries: The Rev. C. E. Norman and Mrs. Norman.

Hakata Church: The Rev. R. Yamauchi, Pastor.

This congregation completes a full year of self-support without a deficit. It shows growth in all of its activities.

Resident communicant members, 83.

The Women's Convention was held here in October, 1930, marking a distinct advance in this work.

The English Night School which for years had been discontinued was again reorganized under the Young Men's Association of the church.

Evangelistic work under Miss Shirk and her assistant Miss Akimoto is flourishing. A Light Brigade has been organized. Work for girls and women is active in visiting in hospitals and charity institutions, and teaching in English and Bible classes.

KURUME FIELD

Associate Missionaries: Rev. J. M. T. Winther and Mrs. Winther.

Kurume Church; Pastor, the Rev. S. Okuma.

This church is successfully self-supporting.

There were 15 accessions during the year.

The Church Council has assumed responsibility for the Kindergarten with a small subsidy from the Women's Mission.

Amagi Kogisho: Pastor, Rev. N. Washiyama.

Reports 5 baptisms during the year.

Hida Church: Pastor, the Rev. T. Fukuyama.

The death of the most prominent member left such a deep impression that several Christians who had been estranged for years came back and vied with other in filling the vacant place. During the year 16 were baptized. The little mountain congregation is in a most hopeful condition, and the future seems full of opportunities.

Village Work:

The missionary's illness has rendered work difficult, but regular preaching has been conducted in Tanushimaru, Matsuzaki, Tajiro, laymen co-operating effectively in this work.

SAGA and OGI and KARATSU

Miss Maya Winther
Miss Helene Harder
Assisted by Mrs. Kameyama.

In Ogi there has been strong opposition from age-long custom and prejudice. Sunday-School work is, however, encouraging, there being 85 children in attendance.

Work is being done in Karatsu and Takeo by visitation from Ogi.

During the absence on furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Heins,

Rev. J. M. T. Winther has been visiting Saga and Karatsu from time to time.

Saga Church: Pastor, the Rev. K. Watanabe.

10 baptisms are reported.

The kindergarten has been conducted with increased enrollment under the Church Council, with a subsidy of ¥300 from the Women's Mission.

Karatsu Kogisho: Pastor, the Rev. T. Chiga.

Reports 3 baptisms.

An unusually good house has been rented for the work.

OMUTA

Associate Missionary: Rev. J. M. T. Winther.

Pastor: Rev. A. Muto.

Reports 12 accessions during the year; a communicant membership of 43; and a Sunday-School with an enrollment of 99.

Good attendances are reported at all meetings in spite of very inadequate equipment.

KUMAMOTO

Associate Missionaries: Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Mrs. Miller.
Rev. G. W. Schillinger, Mrs. Schillinger.

Kumamoto (Suido-cho) Church: Pastor, Rev. R. Ishimatsu.

Proposes to become self-supporting within the year.

Reports a resident membership of 161, and 47 accessions during the year.

Rural Evangelism: Rev. G. W. Schillinger, in the absence of Rev. D. G. M. Bach; Rev. S. Tominaga.

Regular visits have been made to five towns.

MINAMATA

Pastor: Rev. S. Kawagiri.

7 accessions during the year.

Communicant membership, 41.

Sunday-School, 130.

The kindergarten, conducted under the supervision of the congregation is successful and has graduated its first class.

Convention and Mission Actions

TOKYO, APRIL 14-17, 1931.

Organization Session.

1. **Greetings to the Japanese Chamber.** At the opening of this, the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, we, the Missionaries of the United Lutheran Church of America, assembled in session in the Mission Chamber, do herewith extend to our Brethren of the Nenkwai our hearty felicitations as we together stand upon the threshold of a new era in the development of our beloved Church of the Reformation in the Land of the Rising Sun. We thank you for your co-operation and prayers in the past, and herewith pledge you our continued interest and co-operation in the new organization into which we are about to enter, in the Name and for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and for the advancement of His Kingdom.

First Business Session.

2. **Joint Executive Report.** Voted to approve as a whole the report of the Joint Executive Committee covering Ad Interim Actions Nos. 1-65. (J. 18).

3. **Mission Executive Report.** Voted to approve as a whole the report of the Mission Executive Committee covering Ad Interim Actions Nos. 1-50.

4. **Editor of Reports.** Voted, in compliance with the Board's request, to elect by ballot one person to edit the Institutional and Station Reports for publication, these to be then submitted to the Mission Executive Committee for approval before being forwarded to the Board. E. T. Horn was elected as Editor.

Second Business Session.

5. **Reports in Minutes.** Voted to include in the printed minutes, in addition to the Institutional Reports, a condensation of the Station Reports, to be prepared by the editor of reports, E. T. Horn.

Third Business Session.

6. **Kyushu Gakuin Buildings—Thanks.** Voted that we express our appreciation to the family of Mr. Frank Ritter and to the graduates and friends of Kyushu Gakuin for their gifts making possible the addition of a group of much needed buildings on the campus of Kyushu Gakuin, namely, a library to be known as the Ritter Memorial Library, a science hall, and a gymnasium, and also a swimming pool.

7. **Girls' School Higher Department.** Voted that we recommend to the further consideration of the Women's Board the action of last year in regard to a higher department of our girls' school, full details for same to be presented through the Kyushu Jogakuin Board and the Mission Executive Committee.

8. **Seminary Land.** Voted that we urge upon the Board the great necessity of purchasing the 372 "tsubo" of land jutting into our Seminary property, and that we hereby request the immediate authorization of the sum of ¥9,500 for this purpose, and that in the event of their inability to secure funds for the same, we request the Board to authorize the Mission to make a loan for this purpose.

9. **Seminary Main Building.** Voted that we request the Board to press the matter of funds for the proposed Seminary Main Building.

10. **Mrs. Miller Resolution.** Resolved, that the members of the Mission unite in expressing to Mrs. L. S. G. Miller our keen regret of her unavoidable absence from the Convention, in extending to her our deepest sympathy in her illness, and in assuring her of our continuing prayers and hopes for her complete recovery and early return after furlough to her place among us in Japan.

That the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of the above resolution to Mrs. Miller today.

11. **Chiga-Aoyama-Washiyama.** Resolved, that we express our sympathy to Rev. T. Chiga in the loss on the 13th of his daughter Shinako, to Rev. H. Aoyama in his anxiety on account of his daughter's (Mrs. Kawashiri) serious accident yesterday, and to Rev. N. Washiyama on account of his sickness preventing his attendance at this Convention; and that telegrams of sympathy be sent them.

12. **1930 Special Delegation.** Resolved, that a rising vote of thanks be tendered Messrs. J. K. Linn and S. O. Thorlaksson, our Special Delegation to the Milwaukee Convention in 1930, for the earnestness and thoroughness with which they fulfilled their Mission.

That we assure them of our belief that their good work has shown and will continue to show good results.

13. **Newspaper Evangelism-Winther.** Resolved, that the Mission approve, the Dutch Reformed Mission concurring, the recommendation of the Committee on Newspaper Evangelism for the appointment of Rev. J. M. T. Winther as acting manager of the New Life Hall during the manager's absence on furlough.

14. **Oshima Work Grant.** Resolved, that of ¥414.52, an offering received from the Young Women in America in the fall of 1930, ¥100 be granted to the Oshima work, Miss Akard to have supervision of the work.

15. **Takai Work Grant.** Resolved, that of the remaining amount of ¥314.52, ¥100 be granted to the Y.W.C.A. of Janice James School for the evangelistic work they are doing in Takai.

16. **Midori Kindergarten Grant.** Resolved, that in accordance with Miss Heltibridle's request a surplus of approximately ¥200 in the Cronk Memorial Kindergarten budget be granted to the Midori Kindergarten Building Fund.

17. **Miss Beers-Study.** Resolved, that the Board be requested to grant Miss Beers permission to study public health nursing during her furlough.

Fourth Business Session.

18. **Saito Continuation.** Voted to continue the present status of the Rev. R. Saito for another year, it being understood that after Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson's departure on furlough he shall sustain the same relationship to Rev. C. W. Hepner that he now sustains to Mr. Thorlaksson (See Joint Executive Committee Ad Interim Action No. 14). (J. 5).

19. **Ouchi to America.** Voted to approve the request of Rev. Hirosuke Ouchi that he be given a two years' leave of absence (without salary) for theological study in America, on condition of his paying his own travelling expenses, and of his passing a satisfactory physical examination; and to ask the Foreign Mission Board to endeavor to make arrangements with some suitable theologocila seminary for the defraying of his school expenses while in America. (J. 4).

20. **Honda Loan.** Voted to grant to Rev. D. Honda a loan of ¥250 from the Pastors' Aid Fund, same to be returned at the rate of ¥15 per month from December, 1931. (J. 8).

21. **Hakata Paving Expenses.** Voted to grant to Hakata Church the sum of ¥71.82 on account of the payment of a levy made by the city for paving the street in front of the church. (J. 7).

22. **Church Paper Budget.** Voted to approve the proposed budget for the Church Paper (Ruteru), as follows:

Estimated Receipts:

275 copies @ ¥.013	¥429.00
Miscellaneous receipts	11.00
Requested from Mission	700.00
Total	¥1140.00

Estimated Expenses:

Printing for one year	¥720.00
Shipping expenses	108.00
Miscellaneous editing expenses ..	180.00

Honoraria to MS writers	70.00	
Cuts and paper	40.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	22.00	
Total		¥1140.00 (J. 1).

Fifth Business Session.

23. **Hita Peasant Gospel School.** Voted to grant ¥80 from the general budget toward the expenses of opening a Peasant Gospel School at Hita (the school to be mainly self-supporting). (J. 15).

24. **Nobeoka Visitation.** Voted, on recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee, to grant to Rev. S. Takashima the sum of ¥5.00 per month for one year on account of visiting Nobeoka for evangelistic purposes. (J. 6).

25. **Ozone Rent Increase.** Voted that a grant of ¥20 per month be added to the Ozone (Nagoya) rent budget as from July, 1931, for the reason that while the amount in the 1931-32 budget for this purpose has been left as for 1930-31, the expanding work of the Church and Sunday School demands larger quarters. (J.16).

26. **Minamata Missionary Request.** Voted, with reference to a request from Minamata, to reply that we regret our inability to locate a missionary in that city because no one is at present available for such an appointment. (J. 14).

27. **Nenkwai Convention Budget.** Voted to approve the Convention budget of the Japanese Chamber as follows:

Receipts:	From the Churches	¥363.60	
	From the Mission	727.20	
	From other sources	14.39	
	Total		¥1105.19
Expenditures:	For Travel	788.99	
	For Board	258.20	
	For Dinner	58.00	
	Total		¥1105.19 (J. 10).

28. **Nenkwai General Budget.** The following budget, reported as having been approved by the Japanese Chamber, was received by the Mission as information and is here so recorded:

Receipts:	Balance from last year ..	¥70.61	
	From the churches	760.00	
	Total		¥830.61

Expenditures:	Convention expenses	363.69
	National Christian Council	60.00
	S. S. Association	25.00
	Printing of Constitution	30.00
	Printing of Minutes	160.00
	Church Records	30.00
	Tips	30.00
	Clerical expenses (Jt. Ex.)	25.90
	Miscellaneous	66.02
	Postage and telegrams	40.00
	Total	¥830.61 (J. 11).

29. **Finnish Church Relations.** Voted that the new Executive Board be authorized to take appropriate measures to cultivate friendly relations with Finnish Lutheran Church in Japan. (J. 9).

30. **Kyushu Gakuin Church Self-Support.** Voted to approve the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee Ad Interim Action No. 44) with reference to the recognition of Kyushu Gakuin Church as a self-supporting congregation. (J. 3).

31. **Tokyo Church Self-Support.** Voted, on recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee, that due investigations having been made in regard to the qualifications of Tokyo Church (Okubo) to undertake self-support, it be recognized as a self-supporting church as from May, 1931. (J. 17).

32. **Yonemura 70th Birthday.** Voted that the Mission, in deep appreciation of the long, faithful, and effective services of Rev. T. Yonemura in the Lutheran Church in Japan, take some appropriate steps to extend to him on his 70th birthday our hearty felicitations.

33. **Ebara Parsonage.** Resolved, that, in view of the final payment in January, 1932, of ¥60 on the debt of the Ebara Chapel, we request the Board to permit the erection of a parsonage on the Ebara Chapel lot under the same plan, that is, that an amount not exceeding ¥3,500, at a rate of interest not more than 7%, be borrowed, said amount to be repaid by funds budgeted for Ebara rent, as formerly in the case of the Chapel.

34. **Matsuoka Rent.** Voted to grant ¥36 per month rent and ¥108 deposit money to Mr. Matsuoka for a residence in lieu of a parsonage at Ebara Church. (J. 12).

35. **Haruyoshi Residence Request.** Voted that Miss Shirk's request to relocate the Haruyoshi residence and work at Hakozaki be referred to the incoming Women's Work Committee for further study with power to act.

36. **Kyoto Church Land.** Voted, on recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee, to approve and urgently recommend to the Foreign Mission Board the purchase of a tract of 57.48 'tsubo" of land (including building now on it) adjoining our Kyoto Church lot, at a cost of approximately ¥10,000, of which the Kyoto congregation is to raise at least ¥2,000; pointing out to the Board the immense advantages of laying hold of the present opportunity to buy this property; and stating that this request shall be given precedence over all previous requests for property next after the needs of the Theological Seminary as stated in the Mission Minutes for 1930, page 72, item 23. (J. 13).

37. **Bethany Home Land.** Voted, with reference to the immediate present that the recommendation of the Tokyo Social Service Committee be approved, as follows: "That, in case a reasonable price can be secured for the lease on our present location of Bethany Home, we sell the same, and with the funds received, buy, at least, four hundred tsubo from the large tract diagonally across the street, and move the present buildings to that location."

Reorganization Session.

See special minutes of this session for actions on the following matters:

(1) **Church Organizations** (Ogi, Moji, East Kobe).
(2) **East Kobe Church Constitution.**
(3) **China Convention Delegates.**
(4) **Next Convention** (Place).

First Special Mission Session.

38. **Tokyo Woman's Christian College.** Voted to approve the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Higher Education (see committee's report) with reference to a plan for co-operation in the work of the Tokyo Woman's Christian College, amending it so as to make clear the fact that this request is not to take precedence over the previous request for the higher department of our own Girls' School (Kyushu Jogakuin).

39. **Entertainment Resolution.** Resolved, that we express to the pastors and members of the Tokyo and Ebara congregations and our missionaries in Tokyo our appreciation of and thanks for their hospitable entertainment and many kindness to us during this Convention.

40. **Miss M. Harder-Study.** Resolved, that we request the Board to grant Miss Martha Harder permission to study music during her furlough.

41. **American School Support.** Voted to approve the recommendation of our representative on the American School Board (see his report for full explanation), "that the Mission make an

appeal to the Board to raise its annual grant to the American School in Japan from September, 1931, to ¥1,800."

42. **Reply to Gray.** Resolved, that, having read and considered Rev. L. G. Gray's letter to the Mission under date of Nov. 12, 1930, the Mission reply to Rev. Mr. Gray in the following manner:

That, although recognizing the urgent need for more workers in this field, being appreciative of the fine missionary spirit and service of Mr. and Mrs. Gray, and being mindful of their earnest and consistent desire to return to Japan for service, we nevertheless are unable to give Mr. Gray a definite call as desired, because of his language handicap and other considerations which would necessitate the creation of a particular type of work involving the the appropriation of a special budget, unwarranted, if not impossible, under our present financial conditions.

43. **Tsuda Request.** Resolved that while we recognize the need for such institutions as Mr. K. Tsuda desires to establish, we reply to him that as a Mission we cannot endorse his project due to our very pressing financial needs in other fields.

44. **Election of Committees.** Voted to instruct the Secretary to cast the ballot for the entire slate of nominations of Mission committees, delegates and representatives, as presented in the report of the Nominating Committee. This was done, and the results appear in the section on Officers and Committees.

Second Special Mission Session.

45. **Mrs. Shiina Sympathy.** Voted that an appropriate expression of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Shiina in connection with the loss of her husband, our friend and former co-worker.

46. **Tokyo Social Service Work.** Resolved, that we request the Women's Executive Board to assume financial support of the Tokyo Social Service Work, as in the case of the Colony of Mercy at Kumamoto.

That, in case of the Women's Executive Board's agreement to the above request, Miss Annie Powlas be designated as superintendent of the Tokyo Social Service Work.

That, until such transfer of the Tokyo Social Service Work to the sphere of women's work can be effected, the work be administered as heretofore under the superintendency of Dr. Stirewalt.

47. **Tokyo Social Service Plans.** Voted that the Tokyo Social Service Committee draw up a budget for the maintenance of the Tokyo Social Service Work and a plan for such buildings and improvements on buildings for the same, as the committee may consider feasible; and that such budget and plans be submitted as soon as possible to the Women's Work Committee and to the Mission Executive Committee, in turn; for approval, to be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board with the request to the

Women's Executive Board in regard to the Tokyo Social Service Work.

48. **Miss Kido Work.** Voted that we approve the recommendation of the Women's Work Committee that the Tokyo Social Service Committee be requested to consider employing Miss Kido within the sphere of the Tokyo Social Service Work.

49. **Next Mission Meeting.** Voted to leave to the incoming Mission Executive Committee the matter of deciding on the time and place of the next Mission Meeting.

50. **Schillinger Acting Dean.** Voted that the Mission endorse and approve the action of the Kyushu Gakuin Board in designating G. W. Schillinger to serve as Acting Dean of Kyushu Gakuin after the departure of Dean L. S. G. Miller on furlough.

51. **Thorlaksson Furlough.** Voted to approve the request of S. O. Thorlaksson to be allowed to leave Japan one month early (in June) on account of returning via ports and Europe, it being understood that there shall be no financial obligation to the Mission or to the Board on account of the present budget.

52. **Kobe Mission House.** Voted to appoint Rev. C. W. Hepner as our representative to confer with a number of representatives from other Missions in connection with negotiations with the Methodist Mission (South) in regard to possible cooperation in the management of their Mission Home in Kobe for the convenience of transient missionaries.

53. **Sato Absence.** Voted that we request the new Executive Board to investigate the absence of Rev. S. Sato, Seminary Professor, from the Convention at this time, and to deal with the case as it may see fit.

54. **Signing Orders on Treasurer.** Voted that as a matter of convenience to all concerned, the present order of payments be continued until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1931, the President of the Mission signing all orders on the Treasurer on account of the Evangelistic as well as the Mission Budget.

55. **Mission Constitution Adoption.** Voted the final adoption of the Mission Constitution as approved by the Foreign Mission Board and the United Lutheran Church in America.

56. **Return after Furlough.** Acting in accordance with the Board's rules of procedure, the Mission voted favorably on the return to Japan after furlough of the following: Dr. and Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson and family, Rev. C. E. Norman and family, Miss Marion Potts, Miss Martha Harder, and Miss Grace Beers.

57. **Evangelistic Budget.** *Note*: While the Japanese chamber took separate action approving this budget, the Mission's approval is implied in its approval of the Joint Executive Committee's Ad Interim report. (J. 2).

Minutes of Reorganization Meeting

Tokyo Church, April 17th.

The President of the Japanese Chamber, Rev. I. Miura, on the authority of the Joint Executive Committee, called upon the oldest member of the Nenkwai to act as temporary Chairman.

Hymn 95 was sung, followed by prayer by Dr. E. T. Horn.

Roll Call:

Voting members present—	39
(Japanese 26, Missionaries 13)	
Associate members present—	10
(Japanese 3, Missionaries 7)	

A credentials committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Tsuru and Rev. J. A. Linn, and subsequently reported that the count was correct.

An introductory speech on the final adoption of the new constitution by the joint body was made by Rev. C. W. Hepner, President of the Mission.

The motion for adoption was made by Rev. T. Yonemura, and the Constitution was adopted by a rising vote.

Prayer was offered by Rev. I. Miura.

After brief remarks by the temporary Chairman, the Convention proceeded to the election of a President, which resulted in the choice of Rev. I. Miura.

The new President then took the chair after having briefly addressed the Convention.

The election of the remaining officers and committees followed, with the following results:

Vice President—	Rev. C. W. Hepner.
Secretary—	Rev. H. Inadomi.
Treasurer—	Rev. J. A. Linn.
Executive Board—	Rev. D. Honda.
(Additional Members)	Mr. Takashi Tsuboike.
	Dr. E. T. Horn.
	Rev. J. M. T. Winther.
English Secretary—	Rev. John K. Linn.
Assistant Treasurer—	Rev. Takeshi Tsuboike.
Sunday School Committee—	Rev. Y. Yoshida.
	Rev. A. C. Knudten.
Church Paper Committee—	Rev. S. Tominaga, Editor.
	Rev. J. M. T. Winther.
	Rev. S. Okuma.

The following items of left-over business were transacted at this meeting:

1. **Church Organizations.** The congregations at Ogi, Moji, and East Kobe having satisfied the conditions in accordance with the new constitution, it was voted to recognize them as organized churches.

2. **East Kobe Church Constitution.** Voted to refer to the new Executive Board for examination and action the matter of the proposed constitution presented by the East Kobe Church.

3. **China Convention Delegates.** Voted to elect by ballot two delegates to the tri-ennial General Assembly of the Lutheran Church of China to be held in Tsingtao in June of this year. Revs. H. Inadomi and C. W. Hepner were elected.

4. **Next Convention.** Voted to leave to the new Executive Board the matter of selecting the place of meeting of the next Convention.

Closing service conducted by the Rev. H. Inadomi:

Hymn 437, reading of Ephesians 3:14-4:15, address, and prayers by Revs. J. M. T. Winther and R. Ishimatsu. Hymn 233. Benediction by the President, Rev. I. Miura.

Rev. H. Inadomi expressed the thanks of the Convention to the Tokyo Church for courtesies received.

Final adjournment of Convention.

JOHN K. LINN,
English Secretary.

Constitution and Special Agreement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan

The Constitution

PREAMBLE

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Having been called by the gospel and made partakers of the grace of God, and by faith, members of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and through Him, of one another.

We, members of Evangelical Lutheran congregations in the Empire of Japan.

Recognizing that all power in the church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church; and all just duties and powers exercised by the Church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments; and that congregations are the primary bodies through which power committed by Christ to the Church is normally exercised.

Acknowledging it to be the duty of all Christians to labor for the extension of the Kingdom of God not only in this country, but in the whole world by proclaiming the truth of His Word, preaching the Gospel of His grace and by the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with His commands, relying upon the promise of the divine Word that He who begun this good work will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Do hereby adopt this Constitution and thereby organize the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, in order to fulfill the divine will by our united efforts and through mutual encouragement; and we invite all congregations having the same faith and purpose to unite with us upon the terms of this Constitution in one organization to be known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

Article I. Name

The name and title of the Church organized under this constitution shall be the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

Article II. Doctrinal Basis.

1. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

2. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan accepts the three ecumenical creeds: namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

3. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

4. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

Article III. Objects and Functions.

This Church is organized:

1. To promote and extend the Kingdom of God.
2. To preserve the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments.
3. To strengthen the Church in the confession of true faith and in the ministry of love.
4. To direct effectively the united efforts of this Church.
5. To solicit and disburse the funds necessary for these and other purposes defined in this Constitution.

Article IV. Membership.

Anyone may become a member of this Church by Holy Baptism or, if already baptised elsewhere, by Confirmation, administered in conformity with the faith and practice of this church.

Article V. Local Congregations.

A body of believers confessing the faith as set forth in Article II of this Constitution and organized on the basis of this Constitution and the By-Laws of this Church, shall be designated a local congregation.

Article VI. (Kyoshoku) Ministers and Evangelists.

Section 1. Those who are regularly engaged in the official work of this Church, as defined in the By-Laws, shall be designated as Kyoshoku, i.e., a. Ministers, b. Evangelists.

Section 2. A minister is one who is ordained. An evangelist is one who, though not ordained, is engaged in the work of the Church, as defined in the By-Laws.

Article VII. Government.

Section 1. The government of this Church shall be administered by a General Convention or *ad interim* by its representative organ, an Executive Board, duly elected by the Convention.

Section 2. The General Convention shall consist of the ministers and evangelists (Kyoshoku) ex-officio, and lay delegates elected by the local congregations, as determined in the By-Laws.

Section 3. The General Convention shall meet regularly at such time and place as may be determined in the By-Laws. Special meetings may be called as determined in the By-Laws.

Section 4. Two-thirds of the voting members of the General Convention shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The officers of this Church shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, elected by the General Convention.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Church, and four other members elected by the Convention.

Section 7. The ordained ministers of this Church shall constitute a Ministerium, which shall function as a committee of the convention. The duties of the Ministerium shall be: 1. The cultivation of the ministerial life. 2. The examination of candidates for the ministry and their recommendation to the convention for ordination. 3. The examination of ministers who desire to unite with this Church and their recommendation to the convention. 4. Recommendations to the convention concerning the discipline of ministers and evangelists.

Article VIII. Discipline.

Section 1. The members, ministers and evangelists (Kyoshoku) of this Church shall be liable to discipline for the following offenses: 1. Denial of the faith or dissemination of doctrine in conflict with the confession of faith as set forth in Article II; 2. Disregard of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Church or of the decisions of the General Convention; 3. Conduct that brings disgrace to the Christian name.

Section 2. (Kyoshoku) Ministers and evangelists shall be disciplined by the General Convention on the recommendation of

the Ministerium. Temporary discipline *ad interim* may be administered by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Members of local congregations shall be disciplined by the Council of the local congregation.

Article IX. Finances.

Section 1. This Church may give or receive donations.

Section 2. Property owned by this Church or transferred to it shall be held by a Board of Trustees (Shadan) elected by the General Convention.

Article X. By-Laws.

The Convention may adopt such By-Laws as shall be necessary, provided they are not in conflict with this Constitution.

Article XI. Amendments.

This Constitution, except Article II, may be amended in the following manner: More than ten members of the General Convention must present the amendment in writing to the convention in session. Final action shall be taken at the next General Convention. A two-thirds vote of all the regular members of the convention is necessary for adoption.

Special Agreement

Section 1. All matters, including financial appropriations, which require the sanction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, shall have the approval of the constituted organization of missionaries on the field, and all official correspondence of the Church with the Board of Foreign Missions shall pass through the official channel of the constituted organization of missionaries.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall prepare and present to the General Convention for its adoption an annual budget in which shall be indicated the amount of money desired as an appropriation from the Board of Foreign Missions. This budget shall be reported to the organization of missionaries which shall recommend to the Board the amount of the annual appropriation.

Section 3. As a rule financial aid to all local congregations and to the budget of the Church shall be decreased annually at the rate of five per-cent. Rents, taxes, repairs, and travel of missionaries for the present shall be included under the mission budget.

The annual budget shall include an item for new work and

new workers, for which an appropriation is desired from the Board.

Section 4. (a) Ordained missionaries who have been in Japan for at least two years shall be regular members of the General Convention. Those who have resided in Japan for less than two years shall be associate members.

(b) Single women missionaries shall be associate members of the General Convention; but to the Chairman and the Secretary of the Women's Work Committee shall be extended the courtesy of full membership.

(c) Women evangelists under regular appointment by the Executive Board shall be associate members of the General Convention.

(d) Women evangelists working with single women missionaries shall be under the direction of the women's work committee, and when appointed to work approved by Executive Board shall become associate members of the General Convention.

Section 5. The President of the Convention shall be a Japanese, the Vice-President a missionary, the Secretary a Japanese, the Treasurer a missionary. For the time being, there shall be an English Secretary who shall be a missionary, and an Assistant-Treasurer who shall be a Japanese. All of these shall be elected by the General Convention.

Section 6. Of the four elected members of the Executive Board, two shall be Japanese and two shall be missionaries.

Section 7. For the time being one half of the members of the Board of Trustees (Shadan) shall be missionaries. All members of the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by ballot at the annual convention.

Section 8. One half of the members of the Examining Committee shall be missionaries, who have been regular members of the Mission for at least five years.

Section 9. Any alteration in this special agreement shall be made only by action of the General Convention and of the constituted organization of missionaries.

By-Laws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan

BOOK I. BELIEVERS.

Chapter I. Membership.

Article 1. A believer of this Church shall be enrolled in the register of a local congregation as a member thereof.

Article 2. Believers of this Church shall be classified as communicant and non-communicant members.

Article 3. Communicant members are those who have become members of this Church through Adult baptism or confirmation, non-communicant members are those who have received infant baptism and have not yet been confirmed.

Article 4. Communicant members shall cultivate their spiritual life, attend the regular services of the congregation, participate in the Holy Communion, strive to extend the Kingdom of God, provide for the financial support of the congregation, and fulfil their duties as Christian believers.

Article 5. Non-communicant members when they have reached the age of accountability shall become communicant members on receiving the rite of confirmation.

Article 6. Any one, who desires to become a member of a congregation by transfer from another congregation or another denomination, shall present to the Kyoshoku in charge a letter of transfer from the organization to which he has belonged, which must be approved by the Church Council.

Those who desire to be transferred from other denominations shall receive the rite of confirmation.

Article 7. A member who desires to be transferred to another congregation or denomination shall ask the Kyoshoku in charge for a letter of recommendation. The Kyoshoku shall issue the same after it has been approved by the Church Council.

When notified that the person being transferred, has been received as a member of the congregation or denomination, to which he has been transferred, the Kyoshoku shall strike the name of such person from the register.

Article 8. A member, who has not been heard of for more than three years, shall be enrolled in a special register.

Chapter II. Deacons.

Article 9. Deacons shall be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation from the members who have been communicant members of the congregation for at least one year, and are above twenty years of age, being persons of pure faith and good repute.

Article 10. The installation of deacons shall take place at a regular Sunday Service and shall be performed by the Kyoshoku in Charge.

Article 11. Deacons shall assist the Kyoshoku in his duties, pastoral and evangelistic, and manage the general affairs of the Congregation.

BOOK II. LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.

Chapter I. General Rules.

Article 12. Local congregations shall be classified as self-supporting and aided.

Article 13. A local congregation may adopt its own constitution and by-laws, provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and by-laws of this Church. Before their adoption, however, they must be approved by the Executive Board.

Article 14. A local congregation shall hold a regular congregational meeting every year. At its regular annual meeting, the congregation shall elect from three to seven deacons.

Article 15. Only regular communicant members of the congregation shall have the right to vote and are eligible to election at the annual congregational meeting.

Article 16. There shall be a Church Council in each local congregation which shall be composed of the Kyoshoku in charge and the deacons.

Article 17. The Kyoshoku in charge shall preside at the annual meeting and also the meetings of the Church Council.

When the Kyoshoku is prevented from attending the meeting or a matter concerning the Kyoshoku himself is to be discussed, the deacons shall elect a chairman from among themselves.

Article 18. Items of business that should be transacted at the annual meeting are as follows:

(1) Concerning evangelism and development of the congregation;

(2) Receiving reports from the Kyoshoku in charge, the Church Council, and Committees;

(3) Election of deacons and committees;
(4) Election of lay delegates to the annual convention;
(5) Adoption of the annual congregational budget and auditing accounts;
(6) Other necessary business.

Article 19. The duties of the Church Council are as follows:
(1) Management and care of all properties belonging to the congregation;
(2) The preparation of a budget to be presented at the annual meeting and a report to the Executive Board on the budget and financial condition of the congregation;
(3) Management of the finances of the congregation;
(4) Oversight of the educational and social works of the congregation;
(5) Making and executing plans for the development and extension of the congregation.
(6) Examination of Candidates for baptism and confirmation;
(7) Approval of requests for transfer of membership;
(8) Making and keeping the Church register and other records;
(9) Discipline of members;
(10) Other necessary business.

Article 20. Discipline of believers shall be as follows:
(1) Warning; (2) Denying to them the communion;
(3) Expulsion.

Article 21. A member may appeal to the Executive Board concerning discipline by the Church Council.

Article 22. The Kyoshoku in charge shall send to the Secretary, one month before the annual convention, a report on the status of the congregation.

Article 23. The Kyoshoku in charge shall send in two copies of the congregational statistics for the year to the Executive Board by the end of January every year.

Article 24. The Kyoshoku in charge shall report to the Secretary of the convention the names and addresses of the delegates to the annual convention within two weeks after the election.

Article 25. When a delegate is prevented from attending the convention, an alternate shall be chosen from the members of the Church Council, and the Kyoshoku in charge shall report at once this election to the Secretary of the convention.

Article 26. When the local congregation undertakes to solicit donations from outside the congregation, the plan must be approved beforehand by the Executive Board.

Article 27. A local congregation shall keep a regular register of members, Church diary, treasurer's book, record of the annual meetings, record of the meetings of the Church Council,

record of the Sunday School, Library register, register of the church property.

Chapter II. Self-Supporting Congregations.

Article 28. A local congregation, having at least thirty resident communicant members, paying its Kyoshoku salary and all its current expenses, is called a self-supporting congregation.

Article 29. A local congregation, desiring to become a self-supporting congregation shall send in to the Executive Board, at least two months before the regular annual convention, a request signed by the members of the Church Council. The request shall state that the congregation has fulfilled the conditions of Article 28.

The same request shall be presented to the convention with a recommendation of the Executive Board.

Article 30. A self-supporting congregation has the right to call its own Kyoshoku. But the negotiations regarding such a call shall be conducted through the Executive Board.

Article 31. A self-supporting congregation shall elect from the members of the Church Council one delegate to the annual convention.

Article 32. A self-supporting congregation which has not fulfilled the requirements set forth in Article 28 for more than half a year, loses its status as a self-supporting congregation.

Chapter III. Aided Congregations and Preaching Places.

Article 33. A local congregation, having at least ten resident communicant members, paying all its current expenses and at least one-tenth of a pastor's standard salary shall be called an aided congregation.

Article 34. An aided congregation which has not fulfilled the requirements set forth in Article 33 for more than half a year loses its status as an aided congregation.

Article 35. A preaching place is an assembly of believers, which does not meet the requirements of an aided congregation.

Article 36. A preaching place, desiring to organize as an Aided Congregation shall at least two months before the annual convention present to the Executive Board a statement signed by the Kyoshoku in charge and at least five of the communicant members to the effect that it has fulfilled the conditions set forth in Article 33 with a request for recognition by the Annual Convention.

Article 37. An aided congregation shall send one associate delegate to the annual convention, elected from the members of its Church Council.

BOOK III. THE KYOSHOKU.

Chapter I. General Rules.

Article 38. A minister in charge of a congregation shall be called a pastor.

Article 39. No Kyoshoku shall do evangelistic work or administer the Sacraments within the territory of another Kyoshoku without the request or consent of the Kyoshoku in charge and the associate minister.

Article 40. No Kyoshoku shall engage in any work apart from his calling. When it becomes necessary to do so, he must receive permission from the Executive Board. This rule applies also to all Kyoshoku who desire to enter any school while in active service.

Article 41. When appointed to new work or transferred, the Kyoshoku shall begin such new work within one month from time of appointment. When some unavoidable cause prevents him from taking up such work within the said time, he must obtain the consent of the president of the Executive Board. As soon as he has taken up his new work, he shall immediately notify the president of the Executive Board.

Chapter II. Ministers.

Article 42. The duties of a minister shall be to preach the Gospel, administer the Sacraments, do pastoral work, instruct candidates for baptism and confirmation, carry out the general work of the congregation and lead an exemplary Christian life for the flock.

Article 43. The work of a minister who is not in charge of a congregation shall be decided by the Executive Board.

Chapter III. Evangelists.

Article 44. The duties of evangelists shall be as follows: preaching the Gospel; pastoral work; instructing candidates for baptism and confirmation. He shall labor under the guidance of the associate minister in the performance of these and all other duties; and lead an exemplary Christian life for the flock.

Article 45. Evangelists shall not administer the Sacraments, shall not confirm; shall not perform the marriage ceremony.

Exception may be made in the case of a person at the point of death, when there is no time to call a minister. In this case, he shall report the matter to the associate minister, who in turn shall report the same to the ministerium and obtain its approval.

Article 46. A woman evangelist shall be a graduate of a Bible

Training School recognized by the Executive Board, or a believer of good report and long standing, with experience in evangelistic or education work, and shall have received an appointment to a particular work of the Church.

Article 47. A woman evangelist shall disseminate the Gospel, teach the young, and especially work among women under the guidance of the Kyoshoku in charge.

Chapter IV. Candidates as Kyoshoku.

Article 48. Requirements for Ministerial candidates shall be as follows: (1) Graduation from the Theological Seminary of this Church; (2) Two years of active service in this Church.

Those, who do not have the qualifications heretofore mentioned, may however, become Ministerial candidates by the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Article 49. A candidate for ordination shall present his application and life record to the president of the Executive Board at least 6 months before the meeting of the General Convention. This shall be considered by the Board in Session and if found satisfactory the candidate shall be referred to the Examining committee for examination.

Article 50. Candidates for ordination shall pass a satisfactory examination on the following subjects;

1) Biblical Introduction; 2) Apologetics;
3) Biblical Theology of Old and New Testaments,
4) Biblical Hermeneutics; 5) Dogmatic Theology;
6) Church History; 7) History of Doctrine; 8) Confessions;
9) Pastoral Theology; 10) Biblical Exegesis; 11) Christian Ethics; 12) Sermon; 13) Constitution and by-laws of this Church; 14) Reasons for applying for ordination; 15) Confession of faith.

Article 51. The examining committee may omit some of the subjects between No. 1 and No. 11 at their discretion.

Article 52. Candidates may take the examination on a few subjects at a time and may, also take over an examination on subjects in which they have failed.

Article 53. Candidates desiring to become Evangelists shall send in their application together with the recommendation of the president of the theological seminary of this church to the president of the Executive Board.

Those who are not graduates of our Theological Seminary shall forward their life record together with the recommendation of two Ministers of this church to the president of the Executive Board.

Article 54. Candidates desiring to become Evangelists shall be examined on the following subjects;

1) Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments; 2) Church History; 3) History of Doctrine; 4) Biblical Exegesis; 5) Catechism; 6) Pastoral Theology; 7) Sermon; 8) Constitution and by-laws of this Church; 9) Reasons for applying; 10) Confession of faith.

Article 55. The Examining Committee may omit a part of the subjects between No. 1 and No. 7 at their discretion.

Article 56. For the examination of candidates as evangelists, Article No. 52 applies.

Article 57. The time and place of examination shall be decided by the examining committee.

Article 58. The passing grade shall be more than 60 on any subject, and a general average of more than 70.

Article 59. A Minister or Evangelist from other denominations desiring to enter this Church shall be examined by the Examining Committee at the request of the Executive Board according to the rules described in this chapter.

Chapter V. The Ministerium.

Article 60. The officers of the Ministerium shall be a President and a Secretary. The President and Secretary of the Convention shall be the President and Secretary of the Ministerium.

Article 61. The regular annual meeting shall be held at the time of the annual Convention of the Church and all members shall attend.

Article 62. In the Ministerium there shall be an examining Committee composed of 4 members elected annually at the regular meeting of the Ministerium.

Article 63. The Examining Committee shall examine applicants for the Ministry or the position of an evangelist, or those who desire to transfer their membership from other denominations according to the rules of Chapter IV, and report the results to the Ministerium in case of applicants for ordination, and to the Executive Board in case of applicants as evangelists.

Article 64. The Ministerium, having received the report on the examination shall decide each case by ballot. More than a three-fourths majority vote of approval of those present is required for ordination.

The President of the Ministerium shall recommend the applicants for ordination thus approved to the Convention.

Article 65. Discipline in the case of a Kyoshoku (ordained minister or evangelist) shall be as follows: (1) warning; (2) sus-

pension of ministerial authority; (3) surrender of ordination certificate or license; (4) expulsion.

BOOK IV. CONVENTION.

Chapter I. General Rules.

Article 66. The annual convention shall be held once every year beginning on the first Tuesday in October, the place shall be decided by the Convention.

When necessary, the time and place may be changed by the Executive Board.

Article 67. A Special convention shall be held whenever the Executive Board finds it necessary, or when it is requested by a written statement signed by more than one third of the regular members of the General Convention.

But no question may be considered at a special convention other than those pertaining to the question for which the convention has been called.

Article 68. The Convention shall be assembled at the call of the President.

Article 69. The date, duration, place and program of the annual convention shall be announced to every member at least one month before the date of the opening of the Convention.

The date, duration, place and program of a special convention shall be announced to every member two weeks before the date of the opening of the convention.

In the case of a special convention the announcement must state the purpose for which the convention is called.

Article 70. The Executive Board shall decide upon the program and duration of the convention.

Chapter II. Members.

Article 71. Members of the Convention are classified as regular and associate members.

Article 72. Regular members are as follows:

1) Ministers in the active service, appointed by the convention.
2) Regular delegates from the local congregation.

Article 73. Associate members are as follows:

1) Ministers who are not engaged in the active service appointed by the convention.
2) Evangelists and women evangelists.
3) Delegates from aided congregations.

Article 74. Regular delegates have the right of vote as well as the right of the floor and may not refrain from voting;

Associate delegates have only the right of the floor.

Article 75. The President may give the right of the floor to any person whom he regards as desirable to be recognized after ascertaining the will of the Convention.

Article 76. All members shall attend the Convention or report to the President a satisfactory reason for their absence.

Chapter III. Officers.

Article 77. Only those clerical members who have been regular members of the convention for at least three years and only those lay-members who have been communicant members of this Church for at least five years are eligible for election as officers of the convention.

Article 78. Officers of the Convention shall be elected annually by unsigned ballot at the regular convention.

A majority vote is required for election. In case a majority is not secured, the two candidates who received the highest number of votes on the third ballot shall be voted for on the fourth ballot.

Article 79. When any vacancy occurs among the officers or members *ad interim* the Executive Board shall nominate two candidates for the office, and get the vote of the regular members of the convention by mail. The one who has received the majority vote shall be elected.

In case both candidates receive the same number of votes the one who is the senior shall be declared elected.

The Secretary of the Board shall notify every member of the convention as to the result of the election.

Article 80. The officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Convention at which they are elected, and continue in office until the end of the next regular convention.

Article 81. The President shall be the official representative of this church, preside at all the sessions of the convention, and conduct the ordination service.

The Vice-President shall represent the President when he is unable to perform his duties.

Article 82. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the convention. The Minutes must be approved before the Convention closes, and be published within two months after the convention.

Article 83. The Secretary and President shall affix their seals to all important papers and documents and sign the official copy of the minutes. The Secretary shall keep a file of minutes and records of the convention.

Article 84. The Secretary shall make a record of the members of

the convention and keep it on file.

Article 85. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the finances of this church, make all payments on orders signed by the President of the Executive Board, and keep a cash book and a record of receipts and vouchers.

Article 86. The Treasurer shall make a full financial report at the end of his term, and the same must be approved by the Executive Board.

Article 87. The Treasurer shall make a budget of the convention expenses apportioned to the churches and the same to be approved by the convention.

Chapter IV. Committees.

Article 88. In the convention there shall be the following committees; 1) Auditing Committee (4 members); 2) Credential Committee (2 members).

The President may appoint any other committees which he deems necessary in conducting the Convention.

Article 89. The members of the Credential Committee shall be appointed by the President from the regular members of the convention at the opening session of the convention.

Article 90. The Credential Committee shall examine the Credentials of all the delegates and report to the President as soon as possible.

Article 91. The Auditing Committee shall audit all the financial statements and report to the convention.

Article 92. The Convention, when necessary, may appoint the convention Committees; also standing Committees under the Executive Board.

Chapter V. Convention Business.

Article 93. Business to be transacted by the convention is:

1) All questions relating to the general management of this Church;
2) All plans and measures affecting the development and the extension of this Church and its activities;
3) Questions relating to the Theological Seminary of this Church;
4) Approval or disapproval of business, transacted *ad interim* by the Executive Board.
5) Receiving reports of the Executive Board, the ministerium, and Committees.
6) All questions concerning applicants as Kyoshoku.
7) Discipline of Kyoshoku (ministers and evangelists).
8) Conducting the Ordination Service.

9) All questions in regard to the budget and settlements of accounts.
10) Revision of the constitution and by-laws of this Church.
11) Election of the officers, members of the Executive Board, and Committees.
12) Any other necessary business.

Article 94. The ordination service shall take place during the convention. But in case of necessity, it may take place at some other time.

The President shall appoint several ministers who shall assist at the ordination service.

Article 95. A certificate, signed by the President and Secretary shall be given to those ordained and to the evangelists appointed.

Article 96. The Executive Board and the committees may bring in to the Convention business relating to their appointed work.

Any delegate may bring in items of business with the approval of two other delegates.

Article 97. Such items of business must be written out and handed to the Secretary with the exception that urgent motions may be presented from the floor.

Article 98. The President and Secretary shall make out the order of business and submit it to the convention.

Article 99. In all cases not provided for otherwise a majority vote shall decide all questions. When the votes are equal, the President shall decide.

Any member may appeal from the decision of the Chair and call for a second vote.

Article 100. The Convention may disapprove the report of any business transacted *ad interim* by the Executive Board by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

But action of the Executive Board during convention, in matters pertaining to the appointment of Kyoshoku (ministers and evangelists), shall stand unless disapproved by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

BOOK V. EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Article 101. The Executive Board shall attend to all such business as devolves upon it according to the decisions of the Convention.

But when necessity requires, it shall take action *ad interim* and shall report such actions to the next convention for its approval.

Article 102. For the qualifications of the members, the method of electing the same, their term of office, and the method of filling vacancies, Articles 79—82, inclusive, shall be applied.

Article 103. There shall be a President and a Secretary of the Board.

The President of the convention shall be the President of the Board, and the Secretary of the Convention its Secretary.

Article 104. The President shall be the convener of the board. Three-fourths of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article 105. The President shall notify the members of the Board and of the Convention as to the time and place of the meeting of the Board two weeks before the meeting.

Article 106. The Secretary shall report all actions taken by the Executive Board to all members of the Convention within two weeks after each meeting. However, actions of a personal nature constitute exceptions to this rule.

Article 107. The President, in case of urgent necessity, when thought proper may call for a vote of the Board members by mail. However, when more than three members of the Board, with reference to the question in hand, request a meeting, the President shall call a meeting of the Board.

Article 108. The President, or a member of the Board appointed by him, shall visit all the local congregations at least once a year, study their condition, examine the records and books and offer any necessary suggestions he may deem proper. He shall report the results of such visits to the Board.

Article 109. The President of the Board shall officiate at installation services, or he may appoint any other minister as his representative.

Article 110. The President of the Executive Board shall prepare a written report on the various activities of this Church and submit the same to the convention.

Article 111. Duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

1) To keep a record of the minutes of the Board's meetings.
2) To notify all the members of the convention as to the actions taken by the Board.
3) To sign together with the President all official letters and documents.
4) To communicate with the government and other organizations.
5) To prepare the annual statistics.
6) To keep a file of all documents and records.

Article 112. The Secretary shall make a report to the convention of business transacted by the Board for its approval.

Article 113. Business of the Executive Board is as follows:

1) Appointment, transfer, retirement, dismissal and vacation of Kyoshoku.
2) Appointment of a minister as associate with an evangelist.
3) Consideration and recommendation of applicants as Kyoshoku.
4) Temporary discipline of Kyoshoku (pastors and evangelists), and consideration of appeals against discipline presented by members of congregations.
5) Decision as to the amount of allowance for retirement and financial aid to bereaved families.
6) Administration of the Ministerial Aid Fund.
7) Attending to matters of a personal nature.
8) Attending to matters relating to the organization of local congregations.
9) Attending to matters relating to land and buildings belonging to this Church.
10) Attending to matters relating to the educational and social work of this Church.
11) Attending to matters relating to the publication, translation and printing of books, and their preservation.
12) Attending to other matters of business which do not belong to any other department of the Board.

Article 114. There shall be organized within the Board two departments; (1) Department of Evangelism; (2) Department of Finance.

Article 115. Duties of the Department of Evangelism are the following;

1) To attend to all matters concerning the spiritual and missionary life of the Church, and the development of the spirit of self-support in local congregations.
2) To investigate new preaching stations to be opened and recommend the same to the Executive Board.

Article 116. Duties of the Department of Finance are the following;

1) To manage the general financial affairs of this Church.
2) To prepare the annual budget of this Church, and audit the accounts.
3) To investigate the financial ability of local congregations.

Article 117. There shall be a Chairman and two other members in each department elected from the members of the Executive Board.

Article 118. Each Department shall make a budget for its own work which must be approved by the Board.

Article 119. Appropriation for each department cannot be divert-

ed to any other purpose than that for which it has been designated unless it be approved by the Board.

Article 120. Each department shall make a detailed financial report to the Executive Board which shall audit the same.

Article 121. A department may not take up any work outside of that entrusted to it without the sanction of the Executive Board.

Article 122. All requests or propositions to the Board must be presented to the President according to the following order:

1) Matters relating to the local congregation must be presented in writing signed by the members of the Church Council.
2) Matters relating to a Kyoshoku shall be presented in writing signed by a majority of the members of the Church Council.
3) Matters concerning the private affairs of a Kyoshoku may be presented directly by the Kyoshoku.
4) All other matters must be presented in writing signed by at least three members of the annual convention, or by more than seven resident communicant members of the same congregation.

Article 123. There shall be under the Executive Board the following standing committees: 1) Sunday-School Committee, composed of two members: 2) Church Paper Committee, composed of one Editor and two other members.

Article 124. Members of the standing Committees shall be elected annually by the Convention from its members.

Article 125. The Sunday-School Committee shall manage the affairs relating to the work of the Sunday-Schools belonging to this Church.

Article 126. The Church Paper Committee shall manage the affairs relating to editing and publishing the church paper.

Supplementary.

Article 127. These By-Laws may be changed at any regular Convention by a two-thirds majority vote of all present.

Article 128. These by-laws shall be enforced from April 17, 1931.

Standing Rules

Local Congregations.

(1) An aided congregation shall make its best effort to become a self-supporting congregation as soon as possible. A preaching station shall make its best effort to become an aided congregation as soon as possible.

(2) An aided congregation which has more than thirty resident communicant members, pays more than one half of the standard salary of its pastor and pays all the running expenses of the congregation is allowed to send a regular delegate to the Convention until the year 1935.

(3) A local congregation shall pay its pastor his salary before the 25th of each month.

(4) In a self-supporting congregation the salary of the pastor shall be decided by free contract between the congregation and the pastor. However, it shall not be less than the standard salary agreed upon.

(Standard Salary, ¥80.00)

Convention Expenses.

(5) The convention expenses shall be defrayed as follows:

a) Travelling and lodging expenses of the Kyoshoku who are in charge of congregations; and of the regular delegates shall be defrayed as follows for the time being; two-thirds by the convention budget and one-third by the local congregations.

b) Travelling and lodging expenses of those who are engaged in educational or other works of this Church shall be paid by the organization to which they belong.

c) The amount to be borne by each local congregation shall be decided by the Convention each time.

d) Ministers and evangelists who are not in the active service, and associate delegates shall pay their own travelling and lodging expenses.

Travelling Expenses and Allowances.

(6) Members of the Convention and committee members are allowed second class travelling expenses with express fare (when necessary sleeping car fare) for distances of more than 250 miles. If less than 250 miles, third class.

In special cases, exception may be made with the permission of the Executive Board.

(7) Meal allowance (while enroute) shall be at the rate of one yen per meal. Allowance for board and lodging shall be the actual cost of the same.

(8) When Kyoshoku are to move, they shall be given actual moving expenses.

Examining Committee.

Convention.

(9) The language of the Convention shall be Japanese. When any one desires to use a foreign language, he must receive permission from the chairman and must use an interpreter.

(10) Ballots shall be destroyed immediately after election.

(11) On the Church Paper Committee and the Sunday-School Committee, one member of each shall be a missionary.

(12) In the case of missionaries appointed to regular work by the General Convention, the Mission may make special appropriations for their particular work under the Mission Budget.

(13) Any alterations in the above Standing Rules can be made by action of the General Convention and of the constituted organization of missionaries.

Constitution of the Japan Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America

Article I. Name.

The name of this Mission shall be the Japan Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Article II. Objects.

This Mission has as its objects:—

(1) The extension of the Kingdom of God in the Empire of Japan, through the teaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments.

(2) The establishment of an indigenous Japanese Lutheran Church.

In accordance with these objects, it conducts direct evangelism, educational work, and the ministry of mercy.

Article III. Functions.

This Mission shall function;

(1) As the agent of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America in all matters pertaining to the conduct of the Board's work in Japan.

(2) As the agent of the Board of Foreign Missions in its relations with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

(3) Through its constituent missionaries, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, in furthering its establishment and extension.

(4) As the organization having control and oversight of the work of missionaries belonging to this Mission.

Article IV. Members.

All missionaries commissioned, sent to Japan and supported by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be members of this Mission. No member, however, shall be entitled to vote until he has spent two (2) years in Japan.

Article V. Officers.

(1) Elections: The officers of this Mission shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by

ballot and shall serve for a term of one year. They shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices at the close of the convention at which they are elected.

(2) Duties of Officers: (a) The duties of the President shall be those usually pertaining to that office. He shall call and preside at all meetings. He shall countersign all official communications from the Mission to the Board. He shall sign all orders made on the Treasurer, and shall keep a neat and permanent record of all such orders.

(b) The Vice-President shall act for the President in his absence or at his request. He shall be the chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

(c) The duties of the Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to the office of a recording and corresponding secretary. He shall record the minutes of each meeting and shall be the official correspondent of the Mission with the Board.

(d) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds according to the conditions laid down by the Board.

Article VI. Executive Committee.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and one other to be elected annually, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Mission.

Article VII. Meetings.

(a) Regular: There shall be one regular annual meeting.

(b) Special: A special meeting may be called at any time when there is business of such a nature as to make it necessary.

Quorum: Two-thirds of the voting members on the field shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII. Reports to the Board.

Immediately after each meeting of the Mission an official copy of the minutes, written by the Secretary and countersigned by the President, shall be sent to the Board.

Article IX. Finances of the Mission.

(1) The Mission shall submit an annual itemized estimate of the general work of the Mission to the Board for its approval.

(2) The Mission shall recommend to the Board the amount of the annual appropriation for the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

Article X. Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended, subject to the approval of the Board, by a three-fourths majority vote of the voting members on the field at any regular meeting, provided a resolution to consider such amendment shall have been adopted at the preceding regular annual meeting.

Article XI. By-Laws.

The Mission may adopt necessary by-laws in harmony with this Constitution, subject to the approval of the Board.

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For 1931-1932

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LUTHERAN WORLD CONVENTION CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. W. Hepner. Rev. H. Inadomi.

Roster of Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, and Other Workers

TOKYO:

Tokyo Church—Rev. D. Honda, Pastor.
Miss K. Ata, Kindergarten.
Miss Morimoto.

Ebara Church—Rev. K. Matsuoka, Pastor.

Theological Seminary—
Rev. S. Sato, Professor.
Rev. I. Miura, Professor.
Mr. N. Asaji, Professor.

Old People's Home—
Miss C. Matsunaga, Matron.

Bethany Home—Mrs. K. Mamiya, Matron.
Mrs. Ishida, Kindergarten.
Miss Kobayashi, Kindergarten.

NAGOYA:

Chikusa— Rev. K. Hirai, Pastor.

Ozone— Mr. Y. Takase, Evangelist.

KYOTO: Rev. T. Yonemura, Pastor.

OSAKA:

Osaka Church—Rev. K. Takimoto, Pastor.
Miss Cho Inui, Woman Evangelist.

West Osaka— Rev. T. Tsuboike, Pastor.

Fukushima— Mr. S. Utsumi, Evangelist.

KOBE:

Kobe Church— Rev. H. Aoyama, Pastor.

East Kobe Church—
Rev. R. Saito.

HIROSHIMA: Rev. H. Ouchi, Pastor.

SHIMONOSEKI: Rev. Y. Yoshida, Pastor.

MOJI: Rev. C. Kishi, Pastor.

YAWATA: Rev. T. Kawase, Pastor.

NAOGATA: Rev. S. Takashima, Pastor.

FUKUOKA:
Rev. R. Yamauchi, Pastor.
Miss H. Shiokawa, Kindergarten.
Miss Y. Shiraishi, Kindergarten.
Miss F. Akimoto, Woman Evangelist.
Miss Y. Hiraoka.

KURUME:

Kurume Church—
Rev. S. Okuma, Pastor.
Miss Yasu Kondo, Kindergarten.
Miss Yoshi Ashida, Kindergarten.
Miss Higashibara, Helper.
Miss Kakehashi, Helper.

AMAGI: Rev. N. Washiyama, Pastor.

HITA: Rev. S. Fukuyama, Pastor.

SAGA:
Rev. K. Watanabe, Pastor.
Miss Arita, Kindergarten.
Miss Makise, Kindergarten.

OGI:
Rev. T. Wasa, Retired Pastor.
Miss Masa Matsuoka, Kindergarten.
Miss Bado, Kindergarten.
Mrs. H. Kameyama, Woman Evangelist.

KARATSU: Rev. T. Chiga, Pastor.

OMUTA: Rev. A. Muto, Pastor.

KUMAMOTO:

City Church— Rev. R. Ishimatsu, Pastor.
Mrs. K. Tanaka, Kindergarten.
Miss Aoki, Kindergarten.

Rural Field— Rev. S. Tominaga, Pastor.

Kyushu Gakuin—
Dr. S. Toyama, Principal.
Rev. H. Inadomi, Pastor K. G. Church.
Rev. K. Kosaka, Teacher and Assistant in Religious Instruction.

Kyushu Jogakuin—
Mr. J. Murakami, Dean.

Colony of Mercy—
Mrs. M. Nonaka, Woman Evangelist and Asst.
Mrs. M. Hatanaka, Helper Old People's Home.

Mrs. M. Kinoshita, Matron Children's Home.
Miss I. Kawakami, Matron Children's Home.
Miss I. Yoshihara, Nurse.
Mrs. T. Ide, Matron Children's Home.
Mrs. U. Saito, Kindergarten.
Miss Y. Komai, Kindergarten.
Mrs. Eguchi, Nursery School.
Miss Ito, Nursery School.
Miss Nagaki, Matron Rescue Home.

MINAMATA: Rev. S. Kawagiri, Pastor.

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Rev. N. Iwanaga, Pastor.

UNDER TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Y. Sakai, Evangelist.
Mr. S. Aoyama, Evangelist.

AWAITING APPOINTMENT:

Mr. N. Koizumi.
Mr. S. Takei.

(**Note:** An ordained man is designated "pastor"; an unordained one "evangelist").

Roster of Missionaries

(Revised as for Summer, 1931)

Akard, Miss Martha, 1913, Kyushu Jogakuin, Kumamoto.

Bach, Rev. D. G. M., & W., 1916, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Beers, Miss Grace, 1926, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Harder, Miss Martha, 1926, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Harder, Miss Helene, 1927, Ogi Machi, Saga Ken.

Heins, Rev. F. W., & W., 1924, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Heltibridle, Miss Mary, 1927, Jiaien, Kengun Mura, Kumamoto.

Hepner, Rev. C. W., & W., 1912, 228 Furuyashiki, Ashiya, Hyogo Ken.

Horn, Rev. E. T., D. D., & W., 1911, 921 Shimo Saginomiya, Nogata Machi, Tokyo Fu.

Knudten, Rev. A. C., & W., 1920, 258 Motokoi, Chikusa Machi, Higashi Ku, Nagoya.

Linn, Rev. John K., & W., 1915, 487 Asagaya, Tokyo Fu.

Linn, Rev. J. Arthur, & W., 1922, Tani Machi, Itchome, Moji.

Lippard, Miss Faith, 1925 (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Miller, Rev. L. S. G., D. D., & W., 1907, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Norman, Rev. C. E., & W., 1917, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Potts, Miss Marion, 1921, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Powlas, Miss Maud, 1918, (A), Catawba, North Carolina, U.S.A.

Powlas, Miss Annie, 1919, 36 Yanagiwara, Sanchome, Honjo Ku, Tokyo.

Schillinger, Rev. G. W., & W., 1920, Kyushu Gakuin, Kumamoto.

Shirk, Miss Helen, 1922, 337 Kami Tera Machi, Haruyoshi, Fukuoka.

Stirewalt, Rev. A. J., & W., 1905, 303 Hyakunin Machi, Okubo, Tokyo.

Thorlaksson, Rev. S. O., & W., 1916, (A), c/o Board of For. Miss., 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Balto., Md., U.S.A.

Winther, Rev. J. M. T., & W., 1898, 35 Nichome, Kushihara Machi, Kurume.

Winther, Miss Maya, 1928, Ogi Machi, Saga Ken.

STATISTICS FOR 1924.

STATIONS		Kyushu Gakuin	Kumamoto	Omuta	Kurume	Saga	Ogi	Karatsu	Hita	Amagi	Hakata	Nozata	Yawata	Moji	Shimonoseki	Minamata	Kanezaki	Tokyo	Toyohashi	Nagoya	Kyoto	Osaka	Kobe	Totals.
Enrolled Membership	Men	187	239	41	64	80	15	6	40	9	52	25	34	22	33	25	10	48	10	55	25	53	15	1,088
	Women	26	139	32	43	78	21	3	27	12	76	26	8	18	22	43	16	49	4	13	18	29	9	710
	Children	50	19	20	29	18	13	5	20	—	19	9	3	7	7	4	8	3	2	6	4	1	4	247
	Total	263	397	93	136	176	49	14	87	21	147	60	45	47	62	72	34	100	16	74	47	83	28	2,045
Present Communicant Membership		150	100	46	70	28	36	9	46	17	80	30	29	9	31	43	13	67	7	26	40	57	19	953
Adult Baptisms		13	12	13	—	9	1	—	9	3	17	11	4	1	5	7	—	20	4	5	14	5	5	156
Infant Baptisms		11	6	4	—	1	—	—	10	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35
Total Baptisms		24	18	17	—	10	1	—	19	3	18	12	5	1	5	7	—	20	4	5	14	5	5	191
Average Attendance Sunday Morning		60	46	14	21	21	12	6	18	15	40	16	8	8	12	14	—	37	6	13	25	27	17	433
Average Attendance Sunday Evening		17	28	17	16	19	15	5	18	17	30	20	8	11	5	11	—	15	6	7	15	10	11	293
Average Attendance Prayer Meeting		—	15	8	8	15	—	4	12	9	15	12	9	8	5	8	1	13	5	6	10	10	11	185
S. S. Pupils Enrolled		115	380	110	48	120	293	50	247	117	500	73	100	45	70	67	115	165	30	149	115	180	70	3,159
Contributions to all Purposes		¥770	1,017	933	376	519	319	77	627	115	1,625	209	308	132	529	320	22	1,421	109	293	469	408	158	¥10,636

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STATIONS		Kyushu Gakuin	Kumamoto	Omuta	Kurume	Saga	Ogi	Karatsu	Hita	Amagi	Hakata	Nogata	Yawata	Moji	Shimonoseki	Minamata	Kanezaki	Tosu	Toyohashi	Nagoya	Kyoto	Osaka	Kobe	Tokyo	Osaki (Tokyo)	Totals.
Enrolled Membership	Men	191	236	19	86	80	2	10	39	20	50	31	39	25	39	21	10	13	7	36	31	53	14	58	6	1,114
	Women	25	152	25	33	82	2	5	27	16	88	32	8	23	26	42	16	4	4	11	27	29	9	65	2	751
	Children	39	36	18	15	15	—	4	20	1	12	10	2	9	10	15	5	—	3	—	2	1	6	4	3	230
	Total	255	424	62	134	177	4	19	86	37	150	73	49	57	75	78	31	17	14	47	60	83	29	127	11	2,095
Present Resident Communicant Membership		155	95	44	58	31	4	8	23	17	87	28	26	15	35	29	12	10	7	21	58	65	16	99	8	949
Average Attendance at Communion		54	40	25	13	25	—	6	11	14	35	17	13	11	19	26	9	3	4	12	35	28	20	50	15	478
Adult Baptisms		19	17	—	8	2	2	3	3	6	6	8	7	8	8	—	—	7	1	4	15	24	—	20	3	171
Infant Baptisms		6	12	—	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	2	4	12	—	—	1	—	2	4	1	1	3	54
Total Baptisms		25	29	—	9	3	2	3	5	7	6	9	7	10	12	12	—	7	2	4	17	28	1	21	6	225
Average Attendance Sunday Morning		63	43	9	22	24	9	9	10	15	40	22	12	13	24	18	—	—	6	25	29	29	20	45	22	509
Average Attendance Sunday Evening		—	21	20	14	18	—	—	13	18	24	13	9	22	12	18	—	30	5	9	19	12	17	13	23	330
Average Attendance Prayer Meeting		—	15	5	8	16	—	5	10	11	12	12	9	15	7	11	—	15	5	7	14	7	13	12	12	221
S. S. Pupils Enrolled		32	191	130	54	100	80	72	172	127	304	58	142	116	154	69	112	90	38	134	95	161	206	205	99	2,941
Average S. S. Attendance		25	97	85	20	50	30	22	104	55	204	38	100	54	90	52	60	30	32	75	80	96	126	156	53	1,754
Contributions to all Purposes		¥724	939	680	165	536	124	98	391	157	1,316	263	188	340	1,051	922	30	114	80	243	670	507	234	1,407	385	¥11,595

Report of Mission Executive Committee

The following are actions taken ad interim by the Mission Executive Committee:

By Mail—Nos. 1-8 (dates noted):

1. **Saga Home Caretaker.** Voted that the Saga Kindergarten teachers be permitted to live in the Saga Mission residence during the absence of Rev. and Mrs. Heins on furlough, and that during the same time Mrs. Naritomi and family be permitted to live in a part of the house as caretaker without compensation. It is understood that all Mission furnishings shall be stored in certain rooms and locked up (May 14th).

2. **Shinyashiki Home Caretaker.** Voted that a caretaker be put in the Shinyashiki Mission residence during the absence on furlough of Rev. and Mrs. Bach and that, if necessary, an amount up to ¥10. per month be authorized for this purpose (May 14th).

3. **N. C. C. Shrines Statement.** Voted that we approve the statement submitted by the National Christian Council asking for a declaration by the Government in regard to the status of Shintoism, same to be submitted by the National Christian Council to the Commission appointed by the Government to investigate the System of State Shintoism, provided it be approved by a majority of the organizations holding membership in the Council (June 5th).

4. **Winther Vacation.** Voted that on account of physical troubles continuing for some months, Rev. J. M. T. Winther be given permission to take, as may be needed, from two to three months vacation during the summer of 1930 (June 5th).

5. **Stirewalt Medical.** Voted that the medical and hospital bills of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt and family to the amount of about ¥1,100. be paid (June 5th).

6. **Komeya Machi Property.** Voted that our property, house and lot, at Komeya Machi, Saga, be sold at a price not to be lower than ¥20. per tsubo (June 5th).

7. **Special Commission.** Voted that the Mission be asked to vote by mail to select two men as the special commission from Japan to the Milwaukee Convention of the United Lutheran Church in October, same to be chosen from the four named by the Mission at the Kobe Convention (June 8th).

Note: As reported by the President of the Mission under date of June 17th, the subsequent vote resulted in the election of

Revs. John K. Linn and S. O. Thorlaksson.

8. **Committee Vacancies.** Voted to fill as follows vacancies in Mission Committees caused by the departure of Rev. F. W. Heins on furlough (June 8th):

Comprehensive Survey Committee .....Rev. J. M. T. Winther,
Building Committee .....Rev. C. E. Norman,
Furniture Committee .....Miss Mary Heltibridle,
Auditor .....Rev. J. A. Linn.

Kobe Meeting—Nos. 9-18 (June 29, 1930):

All members present except Miss Potts.

Rev. C. E. Norman (who acted as secretary pro tem) reported on the Special Meeting of the Men of the Mission held on the 28th for consideration of the reduction of the budget to meet the Board's requirements and of matters pertaining to the special commission to America. The report was received, and the following actions were taken:

9. **Budget Revision.** Voted to approve the Mission (Men's) Budget as revised, giving a total reduction of ¥21,185.00, and to approve of a total reduction of ¥11,534.00 in the Evangelistic Budget, this (together with the specific recommendations) to be referred to the Joint Executive Committee for adjustment within the budget.

10. **Stirewalt Auto.** Voted that a grant of ¥300 be made to Mr. Stirewalt as an allowance for the car that, upon his return to America, was turned over to Mr. Bach, in accordance with the action recorded on page 95 of the 1929 Minutes.

11. **Bach Loan Refund.** Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to receive from Mr. Bach ¥1000 of the amount advanced for furlough travel in lieu of repayment of the ¥1000 advanced him as special allowance on account of children's education under the Board's rule at the time, and to hold it pending final settlement, with the understanding that the Secretary, Mr. Linn, be authorized to take up the matter with the Board in person when he goes to America this summer.

12. **Horn Resignation.** Voted that Mr. Horn's resignation be forwarded to the Board as received, together with a covering letter by the Secretary. (**Note:** This resignation was not sent to the Board, as it was subsequently withdrawn).

13. **Commission Postponement.** Voted to approve the proposal of the Special Commission to America that, in order to meet the convenience of the members with reference to their going together and also to allow them more time for preparation, the time of their departure be postponed, and that they go in time to make use of the two months of September and October for their

work, it being understood that they are to return to Japan just after the U. L. C. Convention. (Note: Upon receipt of a cablegram from Dr. Koller, the original plan to go earlier was put into effect).

14. **Rev. Saito's Case.** Voted, subject to the concurrence of the Joint Executive Committee, to approve of the employment of Rev. R. Saito of Moji in connection with the East Kobe work, provided the necessary financial arrangements can be made.

15. **Secretary's Work.** Voted that during the absence of the Secretary on account of his trip to America, the President be authorized to carry on the official correspondence, with the understanding that the Vice-President countersign the letters to the Board.

16. **N. C. C. Delegate.** Voted, in view of the expected absence of Mr. John K. Linn from Japan at the time of the Annual Meeting of the National Christian Council in October, that his resignation as our delegate be accepted, and that Mr. Stirewalt be elected in his place.

17. **J. A. Linn Residence.** Voted, subject to the approval of the Joint Executive Committee, to approve of the proposal for Rev. J. A. Linn and family to move into the Moji parsonage, and to grant from the Mission Budget on account of rent an amount necessary to secure a separate house for Rev. and Mrs. Kishi.

18. **Japanese Language School.** Voted, in response to an emergency call from the Japanese Language School, to make a special appropriation of ¥190 towards a fund of ¥25,000 for the purpose of taking care of probable deficits in the current expense budgets of the school for the next several years.

By Mail—Nos. 19-28 (dates noted):

19. **Norman Furlough.** Voted that we request the Board to grant the furlough of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Norman as from May 1st, 1931, with the understanding that, if so desired by the Board, Mr. Norman will advance the amount of their travelling expenses until some time after July 1st, 1931, in order that this amount may not have to come from the 1930-1931 budget (September 1st).

20. **Moji Appropriation:** Voted that a grant of ¥130 be made from General Incidentals to exterminate white ants from the church and parsonage at Moji (September 17th).

21. **Various Appropriations.** Voted that the following special appropriations be approved: About ¥500. medical allowance for tonsil operations for Mrs. Schillinger and two children, about ¥140. for tonsil operation for Mrs. Hepner, about ¥140. for tonsil operation for Miss Winther, and other necessary grant for medical attention during the summer for Miss Winther, the necessary amount for the treatments and sinus operation of Miss Heltibridle, an

additional allowance of ¥30. for necessary repairs on property in Fukuoka, made necessary by the typhoon in July (September 17th).

22. **Miss Shirk Teaching.** Voted that Miss Shirk be given permission to teach two hours a week in Mrs. Ban's Sewing School at Fukuoka, and to use the amount of ¥15. per month received from the school for the Kurume Kindergarten Building Fund, for the present (October 3rd).

23. **Saga Repairs.** Voted that an additional grant of ¥91.25 be authorized as from General Incidentals to cover repairs to our Saga buildings damaged by the typhoon in July (October 3rd).

24. **Treasurer's Resignation.** Whereas Rev. C. E. Norman presented his resignation as Mission Treasurer to take effect December 31, 1930, because of the fact that he expects to leave on furlough before the time of our next Annual Convention, it was voted.

(1) That we accept with regret his resignation as Treasurer to take effect at the time stated; and,

(2) That we express to Mr. Norman our sincere appreciation of his long and most faithful services as Treasurer of the Mission (October 22, 1930).

25. **New Treasurer.** Voted that all members of the Mission be asked to vote at once on the election of a new Treasurer to assume office January 1, 1931, to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. C. E. Norman, resigned (October 22nd).

Note: The vote subsequently taken resulted in the election of Rev. J. A. Linn as Mission Treasurer.

26. **Kyushu Gakuin Buildings.** Voted that we approve of building the library at Kyushu Gakuin of stucco at a cost of about ¥21,000, and that the balance of the Board's contribution of $12,500 to the Kyushu Gakuin 20th Anniversary Building Fund be used in connection with the erection of the science building and gymnasium (October 29th).

27. **Chikusa Kindergarten Principal.** Voted that Mrs. A. C. Knudten be appointed as the Principal of the Chikusa Lutheran Kindergarten at Nagoya (November 6th).

28. **Change of Auditors.** Voted in view of Rev. J. A. Linn's election as Mission Treasurer from January 1, 1931, to accept his resignation as auditor and to appoint Rev. G. W. Schillinger to fill out the unexpired term (December 12th).

Tokyo Meeting—Nos. 29-47 (January 7-8, 1931).

29. **Convention Travel.** Voted to inform the members of the Mission that Convention travelling expenses will be granted them under the regular rule of the Mission, and that the special action

of the Joint Executive Committee applies only to members of the Japanese body.

30. **Missionaries' Reports.** Voted that in order to avoid the usual duplication of reports (to the Board and to the Mission), and in order to make possible a more effective use of the reports, members of the Mission be asked to send two copies of their annual station or individual reports, in shape for publication, to the Mission Secretary not later than the last of February; that one of these copies be forwarded to the Board, and that the other be manifolded and circulated in the Mission before the Convention, the time at the Convention to be devoted to oral explanations and discussion on the basis of these reports.

31. **Shadan-Zaidan Question.** With reference to the Board's inquiry about matters pertaining to the Mission's property holding bodies, it was voted to instruct the Secretary to reply that the Mission will report after it has made further investigation and study of the matter.

32. **Mrs. Miller's Medical Expenses.** Voted to authorize the payment of Mrs. L. S. G. Miller's operation and hospital expenses as per bills submitted.

33. **Mrs. Norman's Expenses.** Voted to approve of Mrs. Norman's going to Severance Hospital, Keijo, for diagnosis and necessary treatment, and to authorize payment of the expense of same.

34. **Fukuoka Mission House.** Voted to grant the request of Rev. C. E. Norman that the Shinseikwan (Newspaper Evangelism Office) be permitted to occupy and use the living and dining rooms of the Fukuoka Mission Home during the Normans' absence on furlough, it being understood that the Mission owned furnishings with the exception of the stove will be stored in other rooms.

35. **Miss Potts' Furlough.** Voted to request the Board to approve of Miss Potts' beginning her furlough in April instead of at the usual time, in view of the fact that she will then have completed her term of full five years since her last furlough.

36. **1931-1932 Budget.** Voted to approve of a Mission Budget for the fiscal year 1931-1932 amounting to a total of ¥106,153 for Men's Work and ¥76,547 for Women's Work.

Note: The above amounts do not include estimated furlough travel expenses (in dollars) from Japan for the same period, which are as follows: Men's Budget—$4,250 and Women's Budget—$1,500.

37. **Nomoto San.** Voted on recommendation of the Women's Work Committee, to approve of sending Miss Tomiko Nomoto to Lambeth Training School for three years beginning with April, 1931.

38. **Stirewalt's Auto.** Voted to include in the new budget as a special an item of ¥1000 on account of the purchase price of

Mr. Stirewalt's automobile and to ask the Secretary to explain to the Board the relation of this item to his furlough travel, this on the basis of a written statement to be provided by Mr. Stirewalt.

39. **Furlough Travel.** Voted to make the estimate for furlough travel from Japan for the next year an extra-budget item and to call the Board's attention to our previous request, to which no reply has yet been received (1929 Minutes, Items 42 and 57, Pages 99 and 101 respectively), asking the Board's favorable consideration of the request.

40. **Seminary Land.** Voted to reaffirm our request to the Board for the purchase of the tract of land jutting into our Seminary lot, at a price estimated to be about ¥10,000, and to call their attention to and emphasize the urgency of the situation not only for the convenience of the Seminary, but to prevent its almost imminent sale to some outside party.

41. **Missionaries' Contributions.** Voted with reference to Item 9 in the Board's letter of December 9, 1930, that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Board an appropriate reply, stating the Mission's position with reference to these special contributions.

42. **1930 Special Delegation.** Voted that an appropriate letter, signed by all members of the Executive Committee, be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, expressing the Mission's appreciation of courtesies and considerations in connection with the sending of a special delegation to America in the summer of 1930, and that special mention be made of the fact that the Board assisted the enterprise financially by putting our representatives on a deputation basis for the time that they were actually at work in America, thereby enabling them to do a larger work than would have been possible without such assistance.

43. **Asagaya Plumbing.** Voted to authorize payment from the present budget the amount of ¥150 on account of necessary plumbing at the Asagaya Mission Home.

44. **Building Facilities.** Voted to authorize the Secretary to write to the Board with reference to Item 2 Section (2) of their letter dated July 26, 1929, requesting them to reconsider the action therein noted, pointing out to them again the advantages of building with borrowed money rather than renting, whenever the necessary funds are available, and promising on behalf of the Mission statements from time to time such as will show the Board the exact nature and extent of its outstanding obligations in this line.

45. **Miller Furlough.** Voted to approve of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. G. Miller's leaving on furlough as soon as Mrs. Miller is able to travel.

46. **New Vice President.** Voted in view of the fact that the President of the Mission, Dr. L. S. G. Miller, will probably leave Japan before the next Convention, to rule that the Vice President, Rev. C. W. Hepner, shall be expected to fill out the unexpired term; and to ask the Secretary to circulate ballots among the Mission as a whole for the election of a new Vice President.

Note: Following this action the time of the transfer was agreed upon by those concerned, and Mr. Hepner became President of the Mission as from March 1, 1931. Rev. A. J. Stirewalt was elected Vice President to fill out the unexpired term.

47. **Ashiya Mission Home.** Voted to recommend to the Board the purchase of the house at Ashiya now occupied by Mr. Hepner, at a cost of about ¥4,700, provided the Mission can finance the project from loans from funds in hand or obtainable, such loans to be repaid out of the item for rent, which is at present ¥110 per month.

By Mail—Nos. 48-50 (March-April):

48. **Horn Medical.** Voted to grant to Dr. E. T. Horn up to ¥380 to cover dental expenses as per statement submitted.

49. **Thorlaksson Medical.** Voted to grant to Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson ¥108 to cover medical expenses as per statement submitted.

50. **Fukuoka Mission House.** Voted, at the request of C. E. Norman, to permit Mr. and Mrs. T. Sakane, of the New Life Hall (Shinseikwan), to occupy a part of the Fukuoka Mission House during the absence of Mr. Norman on furlough, it being understood that no other persons are to live with them, and that, if Mr. Winther, the Acting Manager, should at any time think it best for them to vacate and occupy another house, they will comply.

JOHN K. LINN,
Mission Secretary.

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